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## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 3, 2020

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast online via livestream video*

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sheep may safely graze

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## THE OPENING HYMN 495, vv. 1–3 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

IN BABILONE

*All sing.*


1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

*Words:* John Bakewell (1721–1819) and Martin Madan (1726–1790), alt.*Music:* In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Let us pray. 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.*People* **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:42–47*

**T**hose 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 23, King James Version*

*All read the psalm in unison.*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**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 staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely 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*

**I**t 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 646 The King of love my shepherd is

DOMINUS REGIT ME

All sing.

*Descant*

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 \* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.  
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

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.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23

Music: Dominus regit me, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876); desc. David Willcocks (b. 1919)

## THE GOSPEL

*John 10:1–10**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus 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."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.*

Creator God of the universe, God of a thousand names and faces, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of Earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the novel coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus:

For all healthcare givers—nurses, physicians, aides, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and therapists; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospital and nursing home medical staff, assistants, and housekeepers, and for the patients themselves; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who travel for their daily work over land and sea and through the air—flight attendants, pilots, ship captains and sailors, bus drivers, passengers and long-distance truck drivers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who handle money—bankers, cashiers, and office staff; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who pump gas and serve customers at gas stations and interstate rest areas; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For restauranteurs, caterers, and food service workers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For hospitality workers—hotel and motel receptionists, servers and housekeepers; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For grocery and drug store stock clerks, cashiers, suppliers, managers, pharmacists, and delivery drivers, and for those shopping for necessities; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For daycare center staff who cuddle and comfort children, and for all children; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For teachers, professors, and staff at schools and universities across the world, and for students everywhere; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have lost their jobs and worry about being unable to care for their families' basic needs; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the homeless crowded in shelters and huddling for warmth over steam grates and under urban bridges; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, migrants, and the isolated elderly who have no protectors; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the church, hospital chaplains, and all who are working to keep congregations connected; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For the peace of our nation and the world, the welfare of the holy Church of God, and the unity of all peoples; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For expectant mothers and their babies, those with chronic health conditions, and those in need of urgent medical care unrelated to COVID-19; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have tested positive for COVID-19, all who are waiting for test results, and all who are quarantined; Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

For all who have died and are now free from pain and suffering. May the God of hope carry them all the way home, and comfort their families and friends. Out of the depths. O God, **we cry out to you. Protect them.**

*Celebrant* Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you, O God of hope. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Brother James's Air

arr. Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

Pre-recorded video

*Claudia Ayer, soprano; Odanice Olibrice, tenor*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

## 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.**

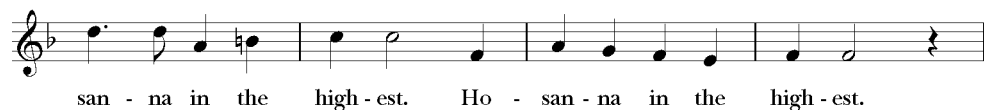
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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



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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, not bread and wine, because we cannot be together this day to share them, but our lives, our world, our concerns, our hopes, and all of creation.

We pray you gracious God, to accept our offering of ourselves and to transform us as Jesus did the bread and wine when he took them from his disciples, broke, blessed, and gave them once again as a sign of their new life in him.

Take us, bless us, open us, and make us new. 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

3 *f* Forcefully

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* The communion we receive is the unbroken communion of love, acceptance, and inclusion made known to us through the life of Jesus, who is among us this day. We are fed today by and in community, gathered together by our host, the Lord of love.

*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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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 gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN 205, vv. 1, 3, 5 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

All sing.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice 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 - joice 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!

Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923–1987)

Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?–1616)

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## THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE VOLUNTARY Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti. Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Janet Ray	Linda Evans	Chris	Lee
Susan Murray	Sue	Mary Stoughton	Lonnie
Brad Babbitt	Jen Evans	Ellie Brown	Micah, Francis &
Billy Ulrich	Gwain Gillespie	Shep Baker	Shadae Gillam
Mary Rose	Erika Ulrich	Bev Baker	Ann Hutchinson
June Aziz	Zachary Fletcher	Helen Moore	Tom Moore
Prakash & Sue Huded	Andree		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Claire Lovass	Georgia Lovass
Scarlett Curtis	Rosa Guzzo
Cait Semanie	Bette-Jane Hardersen
Callan Farrell	Kirsten Gilbert
Judy Schaffer	

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**


Pray for St. Peter's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; and for retirement communities, especially Seabury and Armsmead, and chaplains at retirement communities.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan.

PIPES  
ALIVE-STREAMED!

Sunday, May 3, 2020 12:30 pm  
Michelle Horsley, Organist  
Music of Hindemith Saint-Saëns, Bach  
Live-streamed performance  
on the Austin Organ at  
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