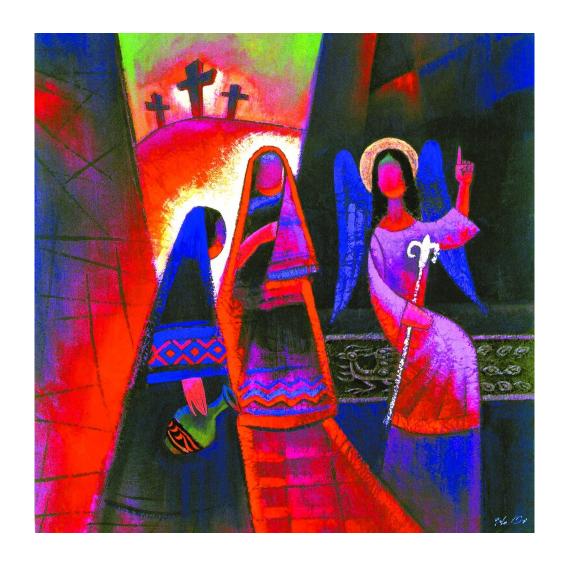
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 25, 2021
10:30 a.m.

# Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccine status.

- Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times. We have disposable masks should you need one.
- **Congregational singing is not currently permitted.** Quiet humming is allowed.
- Practice social distancing with members of other households. Observe signs and the directions
  of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave,
  peace sign, etc.
- If you might need to get up during the service, please sit on the right side of the nave. The first-floor restrooms are available should you need them. Please refrain from going into other areas of the building.
- Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).
- Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico, as directed by a verger or usher.
- We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory. You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!

Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

#### THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Petit Canon

Nadia Boulanger (1887–1979)



A music teacher who taught leading musicians, composers, and conductors including John Eliot Gardiner, Quincy Jones, Aaron Copland, and Philip Glass, Nadia Boulanger is considered one of the best music teachers of the 20th century. She was also a world-renowned composer and conductor who performed as a pianist and organist. Boulanger was the first woman to conduct many major orchestras in America and Europe, including the BBC Symphony, Boston Symphony, Hallé, New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia orchestras. She conducted several world premieres, including works by Copland and Stravinsky.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 518, vv. 1, 2, 3 Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

 $All\ stand.\ Congregational\ singing\ is\ not\ permitted;\ you\ may\ hum\ quietly\ if\ you\ wish.$ 



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.

Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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#### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia. People

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 HYMN OF PRAISE, vv. 1 & 2

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

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#### 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 5:1–12

All sit.

he 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 23

The people say the words in **bold**.

- 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

The 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.

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

THE GOSPEL John 10:11–18

All stand.

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

#### 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

The people say the words in bold.

Let us pray for the needs of all God's children in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, saying: *Alleluia!* Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may give bold witness to Jesus, the source of life and salvation. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For this parish family, that we who are known by Christ may gladly welcome into this flock all who seek the Lord's voice. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For all who are searching, that they may encounter life and wholeness, and find the shepherd who searches and cares for them. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For this nation, as we come to terms with our history of unequal justice, that together we may walk in a new path of justice and healing. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For police in our cities and communities, for their safety and that they may use their authority for the good of all. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be strengthened by the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

For those who have died, remembering especially Gwain Gillespie, that they may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.** 

Celebrant

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, hear our prayers, give us the cup of salvation to drink, and keep us always in the fold of your divine love, so that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

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

All And also with you.

#### THE WELCOME

All sit.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

# THE ANTHEM Brother James's Air

arr. Gordon Jacob (1895–1984) Odanice Olibrice, soloist

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 no 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

All stand.

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.

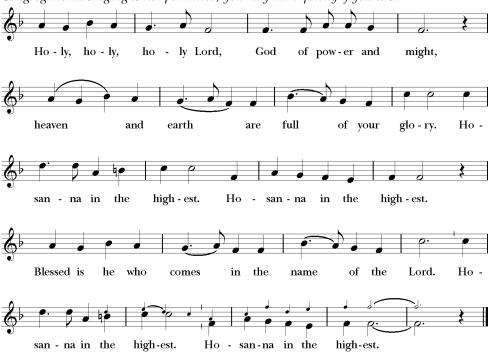
The Celebrant continues.

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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All remain standing or kneel.

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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#### THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. **Amen.** 

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People

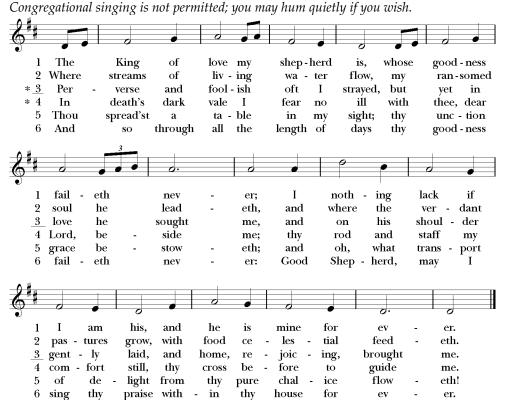
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.** 

THE CLOSING HYMN 645 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish mlody; harm. Hymnal 1982

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)



David N. Johnson was an American organist, composer, educator, choral clinician, and lecturer. He studied organ and composition at Curtis Institute of Music. Between 1942 and 1946 he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps/Air Corps in India, Burma, and China, receiving a Meritorious Service Award and campaign ribbons. He continued his music studies at Trinity University (Texas) and Syracuse University. In addition to organ works, several hymn tunes are credited to him, including Earth and all stars.

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Linda Spiers **Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker **Layreader:** Jyothsna Diaz

Cantor: Odanice Olibrice
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Verger: Annabel Clapp
Ushers: Emmy Aziz, Paul Shaker
Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

Please stay after the service to help make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes! All ages are welcome. Please continue wearing your mask. Gloves and hand sanitizer are provided.

#### 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	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Ward Farrell	William Bittinger	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Mary A. Looney			

# Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Dianne Jones	Caroline Grant	Ethen Worrell
Eden Baker	Barbara Lennox	Julia Smith
Ross Hatch	Tim Goetz	Carlos Branco
Paul Smith	Dahlia Romanow	Ezekiel Latif

#### Those who have died:

Gwain Gillespie, father of Colin Gillespie

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; and for parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

#### Choral Evensong, TODAY, 5 p.m. – Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

Available in-person to a limited audience and livestreamed, we will host the ancient and beautiful service of Evensong on April 25 at 5 p.m. with music by the St. John's Schola. Sign-up is required for in-person attendance. Go to <a href="https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/choral-evensong-st-johns-choir/">https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/choral-evensong-st-johns-choir/</a> for more information and to sign up.

#### Women Together begins new book study on April 27, 2 p.m. on Zoom

On April 27th, Women Together will begin a six-week study of *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels, "an intellectually elegant, concise study" evoking the world of early Christianity. Women Together meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m., bringing together women from St. John's, Trinity, St. Monicas, and other friends. This series will be the last of the program year. If you'd like a link for these Zoom meetings, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com. Newcomers are always welcome!

#### Garden work day, Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.

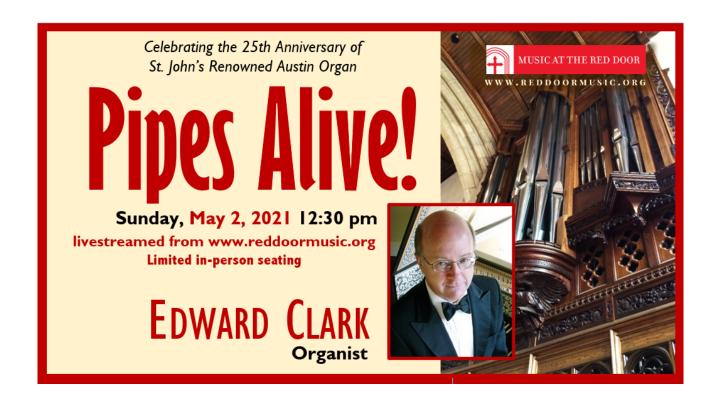
At the next work day, we'll plant some early crops. All are welcome, and no gardening expertise is required! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Wear your gardening clothes, sun protection, and a mask, and come for as long as you're able.

### Pipes Alive! Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m. - Livestreamed and in-person with limited attendance

The next Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature Edward Clark, organist for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and minister of music at First Church of Christ, Congregational in Farmington. As with all current Music at the Red Door concerts, Pipes Alive! will be livestreamed online and open to a limited in-person audience, with sign-up required. Go to <a href="https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-edward-clark-organist/">https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-edward-clark-organist/</a> for more information.







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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

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