



Epiphany EPISCOPAL CHURCH
God Loves You. No Exceptions.



Easter tide

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year B

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jiji Park

Processional Hymn

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymnal 492

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Gloria

Hymnal S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Salutation

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.**

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The congregation sits.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

Where charity and love prevail

Paul Benoit



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found; Brought
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His char - i - ty we learn; Let
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess, and
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease; be
5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son; as
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude, if hon - ored be God's name; our



here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
us with heart and mind and soul, now love Him in re - turn.
let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
His the glo - ry that we seek, be ours His ho - ly peace.
mem - bers of his bod - y joined, we are in Him made one.
fam - i - ly em - brac - es all whose Fa - ther is the same.

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Please remain standing until invited to sit.

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dina E. Widlake

A brief silence follows the sermon.

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

Please stand as able.

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Closing collect. (*Celebrant*)

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd

Howard Goodall

*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.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, you will comfort me.*

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal S128

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The people remain standing or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; 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 Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

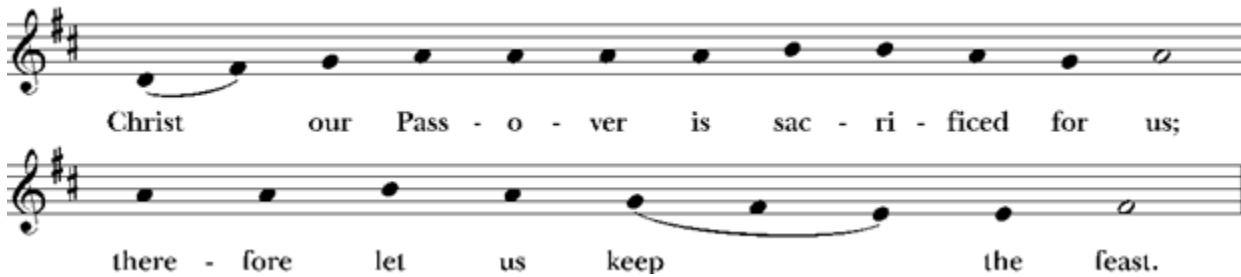
Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

All:



Cantor:



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

All:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God;

People: We are the people of God;

Celebrant: Behold who you are, become what you receive. **Amen.**

Those drawn to the Lord's Table are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, indicate that when you come forward. If you want to know more about the connection between Communion and Baptism, we welcome your questions!

Communion Hymn

You satisfy the hungry heart

R. E. Kreutz

Please join in singing the refrain:



Refrain
You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Communion Hymn The King of love my shepherd is Hymnal 645

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 Blessing

Celebrant offers words of blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn Savior, like a shepherd lead us Hymnal 708

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Jiji Park

Life of Epiphany

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TODAY AT EPIPHANY

9:15 AM Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults (Room 120)

10:00 AM Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist (Nave and Online)

10:00 AM Sunday School (children's formation), *Check the board in the Narthex*

11:15 AM Joyful Noise Children's Choir (Room 120)

6:00 PM Contemplative Worship and Dinner (Narthex), Worship at 6:45 PM (Nave)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Apr 22 and every day Stop and Smell the Flowers

Apr 22 Vestry Meeting, 7:00 PM (Room 146 and Zoom)

Apr 22 Parish Life Meeting, 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Apr 24 Worship Ministry Meeting, 6:00 PM (Narthex)

Apr 24 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 28 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Room 120)

Apr 28 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)

Apr 28 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM

Apr 28 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

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Welcome Guests and Visitors

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

We have been blessed by your presence with us in worship and hope you have felt blessed by your time with us. However strong or tender your faith, hope, and love are, you have an open invitation to join us. We hope to have a chance to get to know you. If you complete a newcomer's welcome card (located in the chair rack in front of you), you can place it in the offertory plate or give it to the clergy as you leave. Alternatively, you can call or email us: 703-466-5200, clergy@EpiphanyEC.org



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

Please pray for: Alexa; Allen; Ann; Annie & Richard; Bill & Cindy; Brian

& Eddie; Brian, Lisa & Family and Lunsford Middle School; Camille; Carolyn; Carrie; Catherine, Anne & Family; Charlotte & Family; Clara & Clyde; Cora's Family & Friends; David; Dennis; Dinah & Bob; Donna; Ellen; Fred & Hillary; George & Joanne; Hazel & Family; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Family; Jane & Elizabeth; Janie, Bill & Family; Jim; John; John & Family; Joshua; Kay & Family; Laura & Bob; Maddi & Family; Maggie; Mary; Mike & Family; Molly; Pam; Pam; Patty, Mark & Brian; Rachel & TJ; Rhonda; Roy & Mickey; Steve, Miranda & Family; Susan & Family; and Vanessa Joy, Kyle and Children.

Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please contact prayers@EpiphanyEC.org if they can be removed sooner or if they need to be added again.

*As part of the Virginia Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, this week we pray for **Christ, Alexandria; Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, McLean; and Varina, Richmond**. We at Epiphany pray each week also for those who have suffered hurt and loss; who grieve and are impacted by any illness of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all who suffer or spread violence of any kind. We pray for those that know food insecurity, homeless and experience natural disasters. We pray for those who cannot safely practice their faith in freedom and suffer oppression of any kind. And we pray for those beginning new lives in new communities; may they be welcomed warmly and supported well.*

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