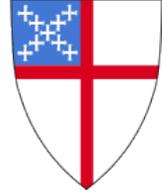




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Fourth Sunday in Easter

APRIL 25, 2021 | YEAR B | RITE II



- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD -

The people's responses are in **bold**

PRELUDE | *CHRIST IS RISEN*

| J.K.F. Fischer, b.1650

OPENING ACCLAMATION

| BCP 355

| Fr. Birch

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

| BCP 355

| Fr. Birch

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.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

| BCP 356

| David Hurd, b.1934

Choir / People

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

| BCP 225

| Fr. Birch

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM 23

| BCP 612

| Lector

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.
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.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16–24 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

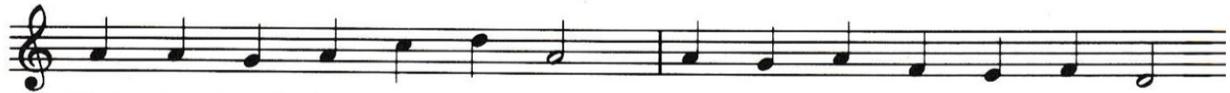
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN | #184 *CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN*

| *Christ ist erstanden*



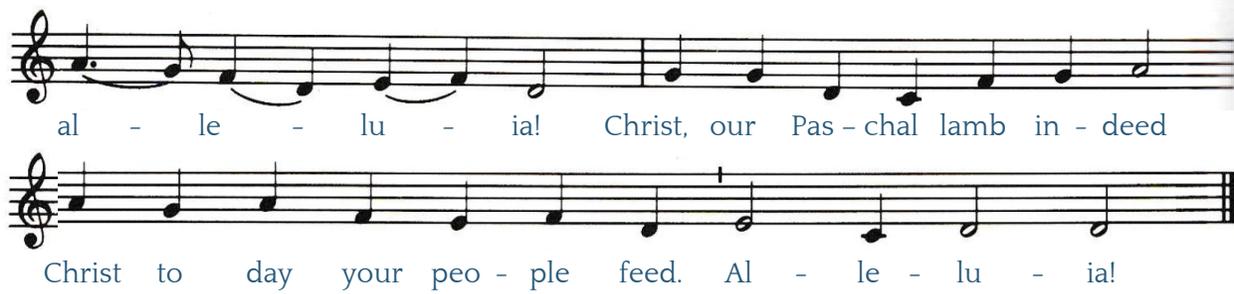
1. Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2. He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife



1. Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings
2. takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

77. 77. 4 with Refrain

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18 (NRSV)

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon 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.”

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

THE SERMON

| Fr. Birch

THE NICENE CREED

| BCP 358

| Lector

All 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

| BCP 392 (VI)

| Dcn. Lauri

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Diana
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; and for the new ministry of Fr.
Birch.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

| BCP 364

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we now pray.

All

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 PEACE

| BCP 360

| Fr. Birch

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE BLESSING

| Fr. Birch

Celebrant May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

| BCP 366

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE | WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

| J. S. Bach, b.1685

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