

4th Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist

April 21st, 2024

The Rev. H. Jonathan Mayo Presiding

Grace Episcopal Church

Diocese of Bethlehem

Welcome & Announcements – Brother Matthew Luke, Sr. Warden Gathering Music – John Adamson

Opening Hymn Please stand as you are able.

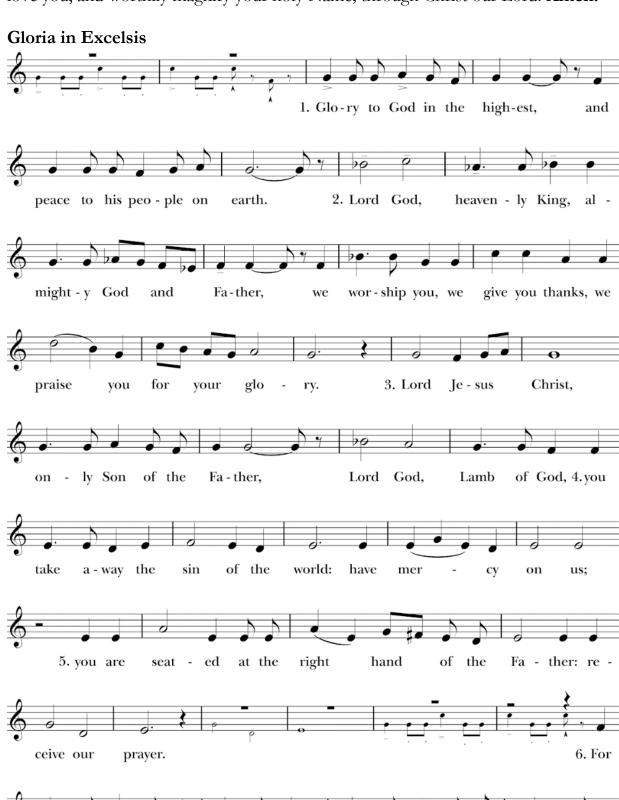


The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**



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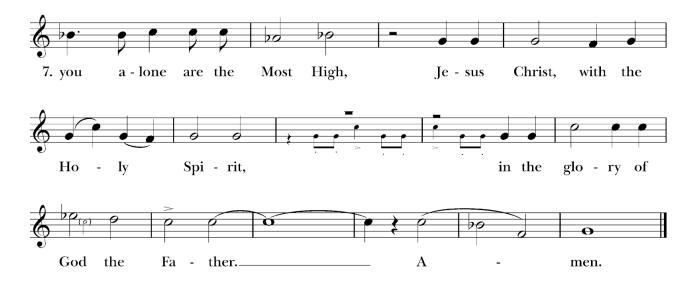
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Lord,



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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated.

First Reading - Acts 4: 5-12

Lector – A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their 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.'

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day Psalm 23

Read responsively; the people read the bolded lines.

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

Lector—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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn





Gospel Reading – John 10: 11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Presider says,

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon by Fr. Jonathan Mayo

A period of silence follows the Sermon.



The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church, and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for Kevin, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of this diocese. We pray that the House of Bishops will be guided by your Holy Spirit, as they gather this Summer to elect a new presiding bishop.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, and the Middle East; and also for an end to violence in our own nation.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, keeping in mind those who suffer from any addiction; give them all courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Comfort and empower all Christians who suffer persecution throughout the world, and give them the perseverance to stand firm in their witness. For who else shall we pray?

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: 'Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.' Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Music at the Offertory

As the offerings and elements are brought forward, the congregation follows and gathers around the altar. The Celebrant receives the people's offerings and concludes the Offertory with a prayer of Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantAllCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

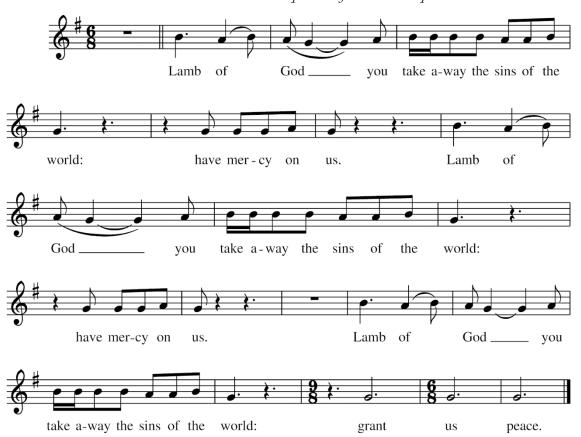
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the everblessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, with blessed Joseph her spouse, and with all your saints, into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

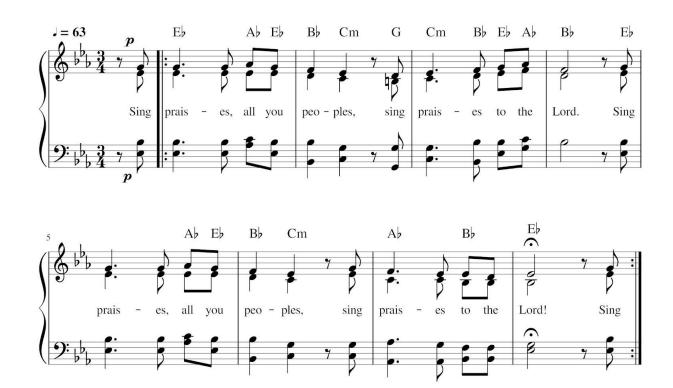


Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Taizé Chant

During the distribution of communion:



After Communion the people return to their seats and remain standing.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 celebrant pronounces the blessing.

Paschal Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn



The Celebrant then concludes:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day	Upcoming Worship	Celebrant / Worship Leader
Apr 28 10:00am	Liturgy of the Word	David K. Moyer
May 5 10:00am	Recovery Liturgy with Eucharist	Fr. Jonathan Mayo

Vestry meets the second Sunday of each month, following Coffee and Conversation. All are welcome.

Recovery Forum will meet on April 28, following Coffee and Conversation.



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Presiding: The Rev. H. Jonathan Mayo Organist & Music Director: John Adamson

Altar Guild: David K. Moyer Acolyte: Brother Matthew Luke

Greeters: David Lyons & Todd Stine Chalice Bearers: Kathy Young & Pam Ad-

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Intercessor: Keenan House/Kelly Cannon

First Reading: Luke Ciaccio

Psalm: Keenan House/Christine Talley

Second Reading: David K Moyer

Gospel Reading: The Rev. H. Jonathan Mayo

Bulletin Notes:

- *The King of love my shepherd is*, #645 from *The Hymnal 1982* Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.
- Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis, #278 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.
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