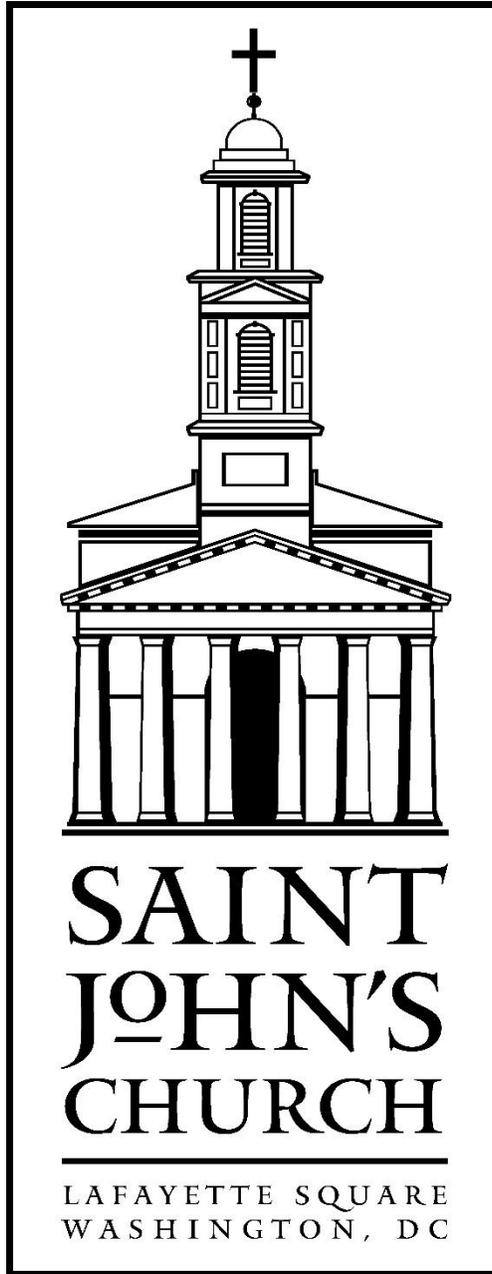


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 3, 2020

WELCOME BY GREETERS AND USHERS

RECTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Priest and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Led by Michelle Mangrum.

Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Leader: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE READING

Read by Andrew Tomlinson.

Acts 2:42-47

Those 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.**

PSALM 23

Read by Holly Sukenik

- 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 READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 10:1-10

Jesus 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Virgil Thomson
(1896–1989)

Sung by the Parish Choir.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE LORD'S PRAYER
The People stand or kneel.

Led by Laurie Adams and Matt Bode.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People:

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 SUFFRAGES

Read by Andrew Clarke and Chip Sherrill.

Versicle: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

Versicle: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Versicle: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Versicle: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Versicle: Let your way be known upon earth;

Response: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Versicle: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Versicle: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Priest: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Geraldine Hayhurst.

Please stand.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. For our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the *Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring*. We pray especially for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Mariann and Chilton*, Bishops of Washington, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

People: **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, and the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the Coronavirus*; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

People: **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

People: **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

People: **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week, *Nikki Allen, Grace Cherouny, Preston Cherouny, Joe Daniel, Joan Doty, Laura Doucet, Audrey Evans, Lee Folger, Ann Gardner, Robyne Johnston, Carter Keithley, Stewart Lillard, Laurie Rossbach, Jed Sadqi, Robert Schwartz, Sienna Siu, and Tatyana Williams*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Christine and Thomas Arrasmith, Betsy and Daniel Danello, Carrie and Jim Garland, Liz and Jon Kosobucki, Caroline and Judd Littleton, and Emily and Jason Ornstein*. Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially *Mary Seidman* and *Neil Wilson* who are in the hospital, and those who are sick and who are shut-ins. Bless those who will be born today and bless those who have died, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

People: **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Priest: O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Read by Caroline Faris.

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Priest and People:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Priest: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Romans 15:13

Ushers: Grant Kraus and Karen Zachary

Greeters: Kat Kehoe and Leila Taaffe