



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

*Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.*

*All who seek God are welcome at God's table.*

**VOLUNTARY:** *Pastorale on Psalm 23*

Percy Whitlock  
(1903–1946)

## RECTOR'S WELCOME

### HYMN 664

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

*Please stand as the procession enters. Sung by the choir.*



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher  
*Rector*

The Reverend Savannah Ponder  
*Associate Rector*

The Reverend William Morris  
*Assisting Priest for Engaging  
Faith and the Workplace*

Kaye Edwards  
*Assistant for Church Growth*

Brent Erstad  
*Director of Music and Organist*

Samantha Scheff  
*Associate Organist*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23  
Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)  
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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please continue to stand.*

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**Priest:** 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 (from *Mass in E*)

*Sung by the quartet.*

Jeffrey Smith

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

**Priest:** 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 READING

*Please be seated.*

Acts 4:5-12

**9:00 a.m.**

*Read by Barbara Burkhardt.*

**11:00 a.m.**

*Read by Powell Hutton.*

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

**9:00 a.m.** *Read by Gus Tierney.*

**11:00 a.m.** *Read by Philip Anfinrud.*

- 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.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Tone VI*

Alleluia.  
I am the good Shepherd:  
and I know my sheep and am known of mine.  
Alleluia.

**Gospeller:** 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.”

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Savannah Ponder

*Please be seated.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9:00 a.m. Led by Heather Hopkins.

*Please stand.*

11:00 a.m. Led by Paul Barkett.

**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**. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **St. Mark’s Church, Washington**. 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 **Joseph**, our President, the leaders of **Congress**, the **Supreme Court**, and for all who serve our country; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

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

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

**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.**

**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, especially **Barbara Burkhardt, Victoria Cherry, Betsy Clark, Maggie Coppinger, Thea Crouch, May Faris, Keith Gardner, Carrie Garland, Kay Gilley, Katie Guerin, Cecil Hornbaker, Mac Johnston, James Kirchenbauer, Jeffrey Lovelace, Emily Lucio, Aidan Maher, Noah Mehrkam, Patrick Sissman, Henrik Lehmann Weng, Anita Woehler, and Evie Yi;** for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially **Casey and Le Evans, Amanda and Eric Eversole, Katherine and Keil Green; Jeanne and Dick Grimmitt, Katie and Hunter Guerin, and Susan and Jake Parcell;** and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of **Kristian Aleksander Robischon.** Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially 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.**

## CONFESSION

**Priest:** Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

**Priest:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Edward Bairstow  
(1874–1946)

The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house for ever.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** (from *Mass in E*)

Jeffrey Smith

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Please remain standing.*

**Priest:** Holy and gracious God: 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 of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Priest and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Priest:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 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 God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*Priest 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Priest:* 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.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. During this time, our practice will be to offer the bread and the wine following health guidelines. An usher will provide communicants with hand sanitizer before the priest (who has washed his or her hands immediately prior) places a blessed wafer into your hands. Take a few steps, remove your mask, and consume the wafer. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server.

After drinking the wine, place the cup in the basket at the end of the line.

Receiving the bread only is a valid way to share in Holy Communion. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

## MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

**Anthem**     *My eyes for beauty pine*

Elizabeth Coxhead and Thomas Coxhead

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

—Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

**Priest:**     Let us pray.

**Priest 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

**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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

**Priest:**     Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People:**     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**VOLUNTARY:**     *Ad regias Agni dapes*

Colin Mawby  
(1936-2019)

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**ST. JOHN'S QUARTET:** Tory Wood, *Soprano*; Charlotte Stewart, *Alto*; Andrew Brown, *Tenor*;  
and Justin Dean, *Bass*.

**ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*; Tony Anikeeff, *Lay Minister*;  
Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; Robert Carroll and Rick Young, *Ushers*.

**ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Paul Barkett, *Crucifer*; Joanne Hutton, *Lay Minister*;  
Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; John Lucio, *Greeter*; Robert Carroll and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday  
of **Kristian Aleksander Robischon**.



## *Welcome!*

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE [WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG) has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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### *Vestry*

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*  
Clark Ervin, *Junior Warden*  
Laurie Adams, Krista Rimple  
Bradley, Carolyn Crouch, Lauren  
Edwards, Wendy Fibison, David  
Gallalee, Peter Odom, Anthony  
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,  
Desirée Stolar, and Carl Ward.  
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Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

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James H. Czerwonky

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