



**Holy Eucharist**  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. — April 21, 2024  
Rite II

**Welcome**

**We welcome** you to St. James this morning and are delighted you are here. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Centennial Hall, located directly below the church. **The Service** is outlined from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). **The Music** is found in the *Hymnal 1982*.

*During the Voluntary we invite you to a time of quiet reflection and prayer as you prepare for the service.*

**Voluntary** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Jason Krug

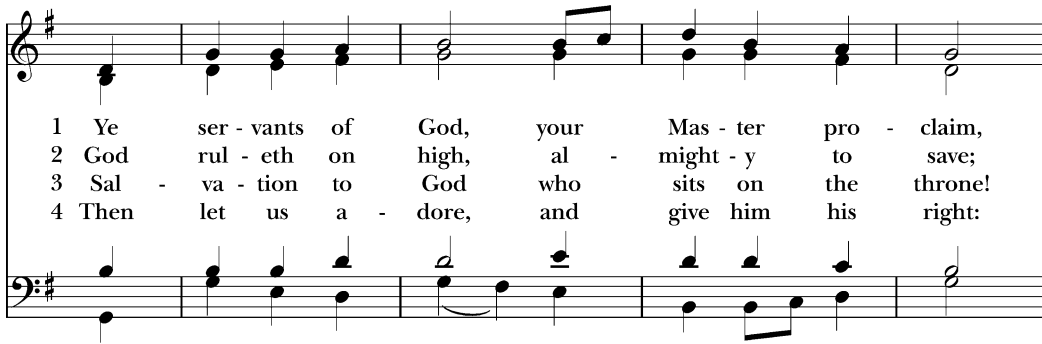
*The St. James Ringers*

# The Word of God

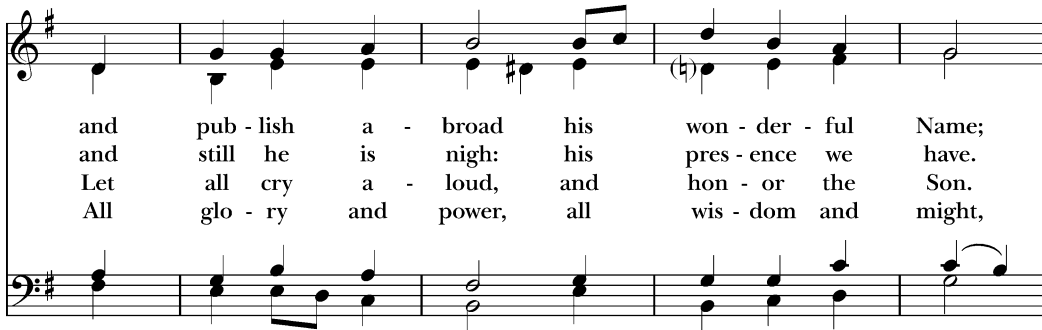
*Please stand as able and sing*

**Hymn 535** Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

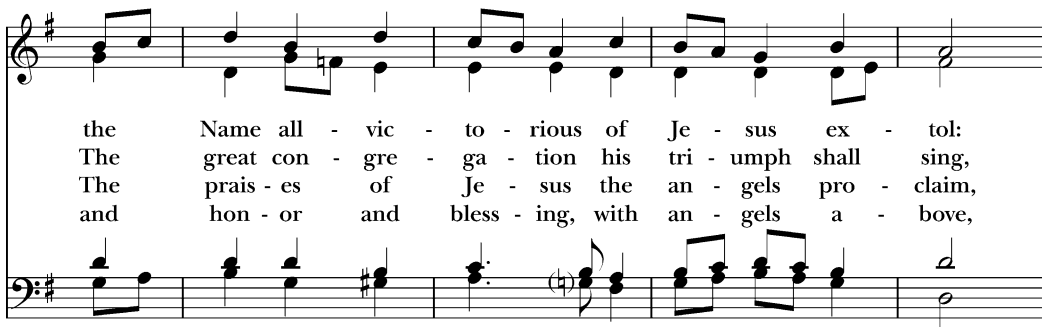
*Paderborn*



1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

## The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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.**

*All sing.*

## Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, WLP 880

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



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

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

## The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 225

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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 First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

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.**

*The choir sings the psalm.*

**Psalm 23**      *Dominus regit me*      Anglican Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \*  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul, \*  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*Translation: Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)*

## **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.**

Please stand as able and sing the hymn.

# Hymn 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

# The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

*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

The Rev. Josh Hoover

# The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us gather in the presence of the living God and pray.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your church, Lord, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Bonnie, our Bishop. We pray for partner churches who are celebrating and living in your resurrection, especially, St. Michael's in Lansing; St. Paul's in Brighton; Christ the King in Puerto Plata, the Dominican Republic. And we pray for the people of St. James that the doubts of your church might be turned to faith, **and all your people might share the good news of new life with the world.**

We give you thanks for this wondrous creation, for the beauty and mystery of the world you have made. Give us the wisdom and strength to protect the world, and use our creative potential **that it may be maintained and made more beautiful for generations to come.**

For Joe, our president and the leaders of all the nations, that you would guide them with your wisdom and instill in them the courage to serve the way of justice and peace for all people, **and make them signs of hope for all in need.**

For those who suffer from illness, for those who are in need and those who are bereaved, especially Penny; Anne; Calvin; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane; Michael; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda; Patti; Julian; Andy; Claire; that your healing power would be with them and your love encompass them, **so that they might find in you a source of comfort and peace.**

For those who have died, that they may find their true home in your kingdom **where there is no sorrow, suffering or sighing, but only fullness of life.**

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 forever. **Amen.**



# The Peace

*Presider*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**             **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*The Offertory is a time when we offer back to God some of what God gives to us. God gives us wheat and grapes and, through our labor, we turn them into bread and wine.*

*God gives us bodies and minds, and we use these in our life and labor to earn our daily bread. When we give a portion of our income back to God, God blesses it, and returns it to us as services provided by the church, in outreach to those in need, and in lives changed by God's spirit.*

*The choir sings the anthem.*

#### **Anthem**

arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode, And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

*Words: paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Isaac Watts (1674-1748); Music: based on the hymn tune Resignation from Southern Harmony*

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

*All sing.*

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946), WLP 851

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1978 Jack Warren Burnam.

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James, the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. Then, all remain kneeling or standing for the Fraction Anthem.*

## Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Jack Warren Burnam, WLP 876

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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## Invitation to Communion

*Presider* These are 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 are invited to God's table. The response after receiving communion is AMEN. Gluten-free bread is available. If you choose not to receive communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing both arms over your chest. If you have not yet been baptized, we encourage you to speak to the Clergy.*

All sing the hymn.

## Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Please stand or kneel as able.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

People Amen.

All sing.

# Hymn 334 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing; ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*, melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758), alt.; harm. Johann Löhner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

# The Dismissal

People          Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Voluntary** Allegro, from *Concerto in F*          Tomasso Albinoni (1674-1745)  
transcribed by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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### Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. in person

10:00 a.m. in person and on [Facebook](#) and our [Website](#) and via [Zoom](#)

Weekdays Compline 7:50 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

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