



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 26, 2026

The Service of the Word

Good morning! We love our love for one another! Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

Opening Voluntary:

Opening Hymn: "Gather Your People"
*(Refrain) Gather your people O Lord,
Gather you people, O Lord
One bread, one body one spirit of love.
Gather your people O Lord.*

*Draw us forth to the table of life. Brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light (Refrain)*

*We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other
each of the gifts the Spirit provides (Refrain)*

*Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

The Collect for Purity

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL * (Ages 4 – 10 years)**
During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 178: "Alleluia No. 1"

*Come, let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Savior
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They 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 in unison)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn: "Shepherd"

Sure - ly good - ness will
fol - low me. Ev-'ry prom - ise will be
light to my feet. When my heart is prone to
wan - der - ing, Je - sus, You shep - herd me.

The Gospel Reading: *John 10:1-10*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

“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. 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.”

Again the Jews were divided because of these words.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic* Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: "Shepherd me O God"

*(Refrain) Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. [Refrain]*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. [Refrain]*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
[Refrain]*

*You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. [Refrain]*

*Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. [Refrain]*

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

Sanctus - S129

*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.*

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O
Father,

People *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Lord's Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

Communion Hymn: *(See insert)*

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Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

*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

Closing Hymn 708: "Savior like a Shepherd"

The Dismissal

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Kathy Bleeker. Readers: Chip Lands, Ed Austin.

10:30am: DOD: Howard Johnson. Acolytes: Landree Williams, Sierra Dixon. Chalice: Sabrina Merritt, Laurie White. Readers: Steve Lukow, Eden Ridgeway.

Home Communion Volunteers:
Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Cindy Skeen, CJ Moffett, Sierra Gracee, Teresa Munn, Karen, Lloyd Peacock, Al Colbird, Donald Hanson, Sheila Hanson, Donna Hundley, Tabby Riley, Kathy, AnnaBelle Love, Linda Patterson, Preston Patterson, and Shearon Harrelson.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan

Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimando, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, and Taylor Knueven.

Repose of the Soul

Kaleb Peters, Jeff Nutt, Ashley Gordon, Dorothy Maddox, Rev Michael Patrick Mooney, and Gordon Gibson.

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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