

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 a.m. April 25, 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.

PRELUDE	<i>Two Good Shepherd Tunes</i>	ARRANGED BY ALICE JORDAN
	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	PSALM 23
	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	RESIGNATION

The People stand as the ministers enter.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	SICILIAN MARINERS
		ARRANGED BY ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA *Spoken*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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

Celebrant God 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.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reader A reading from The Book of Acts.

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. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Spoken in unison

PSALM 23

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 SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 3:16-24

Reader A reading from the first epistle 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL MUSIC *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

ST. AGNES

To honor the teachings of Jesus, all turn to face the Gospel procession.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON

THE REV. CHRISTINE GILSON

Silence is observed following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

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 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

FROM “FEASTING ON THE WORD”

Reader With boldness, let us offer our prayers to the shepherd of our souls, saying
 God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.
 We pray for the church in every place ... Gather us together and make us
 one in ministry and mission to the world, so that there will be one flock,
 one shepherd.

People **God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for the nations of the world ... Anoint all leaders with your
 wisdom so that they will use their power to help the poor and defend the
 vulnerable.

People **God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for this community ... Strengthen those who work each day to
 heal the sick, welcome the outcasts, and help sisters and brothers in need.

People **God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for friends and loved ones ... Comfort all who are suffering; walk
 with them through dark valleys and restore them, body, mind, and soul.

People **God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Reader Loving God, by the power of our Spirit, help us to keep your
 commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, in whose
 holy name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *The Lord is My Shepherd* **HOWARD GOODALL**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:

**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 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 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 Savior 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.**

The celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
All **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 celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the devotional practice of asking to receive the inward and spiritual grace of Holy Communion when circumstances impede us from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

All **Risen Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace and let us never be separated from you. Amen.**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* **WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN**
ARRANGEMENT BY J. WAYNE KERR

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Christine Gilson, Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon
David Johnson, Verger
Marlene Hallstrom, Organist and Music Director
St. James Choir, recorded on April 21, 2021
Diana Schawe and Suzanne Laycock, Readers
St. James Altar Guild
Derek Landwehr, Videographer

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MUSIC NOTES

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Sicilian Mariners). *Arranger: Anne Krentz Organ ©2001 Augsburg Fortress Publishers; performed by permission OneLicense #A-721636.*

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I Am Jesus' Little Lamb. *Arranger: J. Wayne Kerr ©2003 Concordia Publishing House; performed by permission OneLicense #A-721636.*

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing. *Arranger: David Chernien ©1984 Lorenz Publishing Corporation; performed by permission OneLicense #A-721636.*

PRAYERS

Pray for those serving in the military: Alexis (Lexi) Reed, Will Corkins, and J. David Anderson-Lusk.

Pray for those who have died: Marsha Bacon; Nancy Rollins; Christopher "Chris" Erickson, son of Jennifer and Mark Erickson; David T. Childs; The Rev. Wayne Blakely; Jeff Gibson, son of Deacon Barbara Gibson; Larry Edwin Rahal, father of Nancy Carroll; and Caroline Rudnick-Rowley, wife of Bruce, mother of William and Madeline.

Pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity: Pray for Vince Nix, the son-in-law of Buck and Gladys Alley. Pray for Marge Rine, her son Wes, and the rest of their family. Pray also for Dal Harrison, her husband Rick, and their family. Pray for Joan Janzen and her daughter, Catherine. Please continue in your prayers for the recovery of Gary, Bill, and Pete. Lift up all people with COVID-19 and all health care workers. Please pray for Pam; LouAnn M.; Jayne; Iola; Martha; Betty; Gus; Jessica; Bob; Joe; Jean; Jerry; Teresa; Larry S.; Jan and Joan; Mary; Joann, Mike and their granddaughter, George; George II; Christina; Bill; Floyd; Gene; George; Jean; Jan and family; Tucker; Ashley and Taylor; and Carly, granddaughter of Delmar and Mary Klocke.

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. To share your prayers of thanksgiving (births, weddings, new jobs, anniversaries, etc.), to notify us that someone you love is serving in the military, to share that you or someone you love is suffering, or to tell us of a death, please call 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you do not receive the weekly eTower but would like to, please call the office at 316-683-5686 or email office@stjameswichita.org.

Children's Chapel will meet in person at 10:45 a.m. May 2.

The nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use the nursery as needed.

WELCOME

If you are new to St. James (within the last two years), we'd love for you to join our Newcomer Network! These virtual events will be a small group of new and a few seasoned members so you can meet and get to know one another. They will be hosted on Zoom at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings. To keep the groups small, you must RSVP for an evening that best fits your schedule. Please email or call Chelsea Whipple, our director of programs, at formation@stjameswichita.org or 993-4672 for more information and to RSVP.

Please be sure to grab a welcome card at the front desk when you pick up your bulletin.

If you're a first-time visitor, we have a welcome bag for you at the entrance to the sanctuary.

We produce a weekly eTower newsletter and invite you to sign up for it on our website, www.stjameswichita.org or by calling or emailing the church at 316-683-5686 or office@stjameswichita.org.

