



**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**April 26, 2026
11:00 AM**

WELCOME!

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Whether you're a member, a regular guest, or visiting St. John's for the first time, we're blessed by your presence and hope to see you again.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

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HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

Opening Hymn 377

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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.

Song of Praise

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that he is living,
Whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy;
I hear his voice of cheer;
And just the time I need him
He's always near.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along
life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Chanted by choir and congregation

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green he leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;

For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

Now, it is commendable if, because of one's understanding of God, someone should endure pain through suffering unjustly. But what praise comes from enduring patiently when you have sinned and are beaten for it? But if you endure steadfastly when you've done good and suffer for it, this is commendable before God. You were called to this kind of endurance, because Christ suffered on your behalf. He left you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, nor did he ever speak in ways meant to deceive. When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. When he suffered, he did not threaten revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed. He did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin. By his wounds you were healed. Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

More Love to Thee

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee,
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: move love, O Christ to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: move love, O Christ to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my every breath sing out your praise,
This be the only song my heart shall raise.
This still my prayer shall be: move love, O Christ to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Paige Trivett

The Nicene Creed

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 (Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Clergy: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community and to love others as he loves us.

People: **Hear the prayers of your people, O God.**

Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and generosity the resources of the earth.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God.

Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all the leaders of the world. Give peace in our world, peace in our country, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us to your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God.

The clergy invite other intercessions and thanksgivings.

Celebrant: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you, Hear the prayers of your people and grant that what we have asked in faith we may receive by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements



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The Holy Communion

Prayer B

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

The King of Love—Henry Baker

The Doxology Hymn 380, Verse 3

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 our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**** Words of Consecration are read by the Celebrant*

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

WLP 858 Buchanan

The people stand or kneel.

**** Words of Consecration are read by the Celebrant:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

**** Words of Consecration are read by the Celebrant:*

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.

Great Amen

S 146 Robinson

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Hymn 204, Verses 1 and 3

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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.

Communion Hymn 664

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitor (*read in unison only when home visit occurs*)

In the name of St. John's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Closing Hymn 708

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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