



The
Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea
Love and Serve

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
- Childcare for children up to age three is available in the nursery.
 - Please ask an usher for details.



HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

Pastorale

César Franck (1822–1890)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old Hundredth
descant by Stuart Forster

EASTER ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE

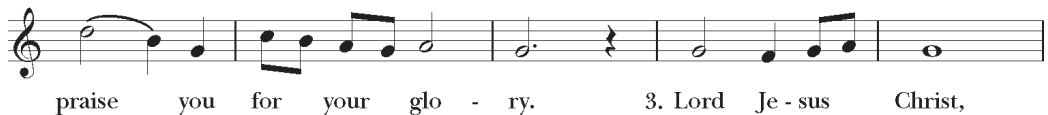
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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 *All sing.* Hymnal S–278

William Mathias (1934–1992)



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 congregation is seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

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.*

PSALM 23 *Sung by the choir*

Anglican chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

- 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.

EPISTLE

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.*

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced. All are invited to sing.

HYMN 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

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. Susan Beebe

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE

And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity.

ANTHEM

Jubilate (Collegium Regale)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100 + Gloria Patri (Book of Common Prayer)

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND EASTER DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
rall.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our 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.

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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven_ and
 earth__ are full__ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Blessed is he who comes_ in the name__ of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The People kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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 Pascha nostrum Michael Murray (b. 1974)

With majesty

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and either help guide the chalice to your lips or dip the wafer into the wine as the chalice passes. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.

During Communion

Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba
descant by Stuart Forster

Anthem The Lord is my shepherd
Amanda Goldberg, *soprano*

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23:1, 2, 4, 6

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Allie, Andy, Anne, Aron, Becky, Bill, Bill, Bobby, Bruce, Byron, Brygida, Carolyn, Charlie (Chuck), Christian, Courtney, Daniel, David, Debbi, Denny, Donna, Ellie, Erik John, Evan, George and Scootch, Henryka, Isabel, Jack, Jane, Jasen, Joan, John, Judy, Justin, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kerry, Kimmie, Kinga, Landon, Larry, Lillian, Lizz, Malcom, Marcia, Margot, Martie, Matthew, Mary, Mary, Nancy, Nicholas, Nicole, Oliver, Pam, Patrick, Regine, Remy, Robert, Robin, Ruth, Scott, Steve, Steve, the Lawson family, the Nesselhauf family, the Rohe family, Tim, Uma, Vince, Wendy, Whitney, Zdzislaw, *and all those serving our country*, including Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Svetlana & John

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Bethesda's Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ's teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.

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