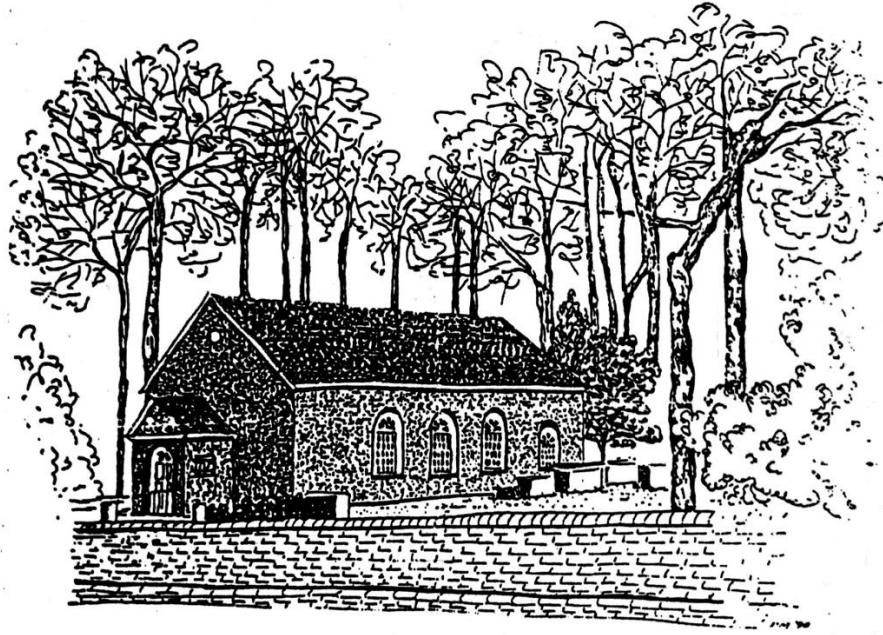


The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II
and Communion from Reserved Sacrament*



*Christ Church Parish, Saluda, VA
(Episcopal)
Founded 1666*

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #35

1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.



— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

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Then follows

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 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.

At the end of the Psalms is said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

A Reading from Acts (2:42-47)

Those who had been baptized 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Benedictus (Hymn 444) *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*

A Reading from First Peter (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Magnificat (Hymn 438) *“Tell Out My Soul”*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John (10:1-10)

Jesus said, “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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. ***And grant us your salvation.***
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. ***Let your people sing with joy.***
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. ***For only in you can we live in safety.***
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. ***Your saving health among all nations.***
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn 663

“The Lord my God my Shepherd is”

Authorized prayers and intercessions

The Leader and People pray responsively

We offer our prayers to Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, responding to each petition by saying, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

For the parishes and missions of our diocese, that we will devote ourselves to the teaching and fellowship of Christ, to the breaking of bread, and the offering of prayers; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Buck Mountain – Earlysville, Christ Church – Alexandria, and St. Andrew’s – Arlington; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That an outpouring of generosity will flow from the gratitude and thanksgiving that dwell in our hearts, moving the Church, the household of faith, to provide relief to those in any want or need; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For the courage to share the faith we hold, and the willingness to listen humbly to those whose interpretation of the faith differs from our own; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For all who exercise leadership, that their actions may reflect the ways of the Servant, whose obedience to God released the power to overcome every darkness, and whose sacrifice opened the gates to eternity; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

In thanks giving for our merciful Jesus, who loves us beyond our shame and guilt, frees us from the tombs of our past, and invites us to receive his gift of overwhelming forgiveness; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may not fear the day of judgment, but entrust ourselves to the one who judges justly; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For all the faithful departed, who now behold the Lord Jesus in his risen glory; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Let us continue our prayers in the Name of the One in whom we sing the triumphant strain, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Diocesan Bishop, and Gayle our Assistant Bishop; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

We give thanks with those of our parish who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Judy Mansfield; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

And you have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress, and we pray for strength and healing for those on our prayer list; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

The Officiant ends with a closing Collect.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace *Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Wm. Bradley Roberts

Presentation Hymn 554 "Tis the Gift to Be Simple"

COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.**

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Communion Hymn 343

“Shepherd of Souls”

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 410 *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Dismissal With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at
work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Wednesday Eucharist WILL NOT be celebrated this week due the clergy
conference at Shrine Mont. Fr. Stuart and Deacon Peg will be away Monday,
Tuesday, and Wednesday this week.**

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Judy Mansfield.

Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lundin, Lucille Redmon, Bernie Whittkamp, Page Whittkamp, Jenny Wright, and Valerie Shostak.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Buck Mountain – Earlysville, Christ Church – Alexandria, and St. Andrew's - Arlington.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Acolyte / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Bill Budd

Morning Prayer: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Organist	Libby Boyer
Prayers / Eucharistic Minister	Harriette Floyd
Eucharistic Minister	Grace Parker
Lector	Lydia Dudley
Crucifer / Acolyte	Jack Hellems
Ushers	Sharon Colston and Miles Libbey
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, Helen Tarran, Pam McClelland
Flower Guild	Alyson Holt and Harriette Floyd
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Mike Gorin '23	Bill Budd '25
Clayton Neal '23	Henry Moncure '25
Karen Brown '24	