



St. Paul's Cathedral ✠ Burlington, Vermont

The Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠ April 25, 2021

- ✠ *During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.*
- ✠ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*
- ✠ *Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.*
- ✠ *A short instrumental voluntary is played.*

Opening Rite

We sing hymn 435 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words Caroline Maria Noel (12817-1877), alt. • Music KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Presider says,
 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
 Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

Setting Herbert J. Austin, 1978

The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

OGod, 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 Word of God

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.” *Acts 4:5-12*

Here ends the reading.

We sing Psalm 23. Please join in at home.



The LORD is mý | shepherd; *
I shall not be ín | want.
He makes me lie down in green | pastures *
and leads me beside still | waters.

He revives mý | soul *
and guides me along right pathways for hís | Name’s sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear nó | evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, théy | comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those whó | trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running | over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of mý | life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD fór | ever.

Chant Mark Howe, 2014

We hear a reading from the Christian Epistles:

A reading from the First Letter 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. 1 John 3:16-24

Here ends the reading.

Participating digitally, the choir sings an anthem:

Peace be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts peace.

Salvation be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts salvation.

Gratitude be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts gratitude.

Faith be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts faith.

Victory be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts victory.

Consolation be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts consolation.

Peace be upon this sinful world: Alleluia! The blood of Jesus shouts peace.

Sung in Zulu

Liz Thompson Solo

Words and music Traditional Zulu

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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." John 10:11-18

Here ends the reading.

Homily *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

The Deacon says,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Shannon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Stillness

I ask your thanksgivings for friends and family, [especially _____]

Pray in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

Stillness

I ask your prayers for _____

A leader gives voice to petitions from the Zoom chat box

Pray for the needs and hopes of this community.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Stillness*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

We join in singing a hymn. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Shep - herd of all who in - hab - it the earth,
 2 Lov - er of souls, un - der - min - ing our pride,
 3 Con - queror of death, o - ver - com - ing de - spair,
 4 Her - ald of God and the king - dom to be,
 5 Host at the feast and our Guide on the way,

1 dy - ing you showed us hu - man - i - ty's worth;
 2 heal and for - give each of - fense we would hide.
 3 strength - en us, lest, by our ceas - ing to care,
 4 grant us the vi - sion to see as you see;
 5 yours is the glo - ry re - deem - ing earth's day;

1 call - ing all home in their own mo - ther tongue,
 2 Par - don and grace are the fruits of your tree;
 3 truth yield to false - hood and jus - tice to wrong;
 4 risk - ing the new to give life to the old,
 5 teach us to serve, and with joy to de - pend,

1 Lord, by your life - giv - ing word, make us one.
 2 Lord, by your self - giv - ing love, make us free.
 3 Lord, by your ris - ing to life, make us strong.
 4 Lord, by your gos - pel of hope, make us bold.
 5 Lord, on your Spi - rit - filled life with - out end.

Words Jeffery W. Rowthorn (b. 1934) Music O QUANTA QUALIA, melody in *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681

The Presider blesses the People:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses us, saying
Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

An instrumental voluntary is played.

Coffee hour follows immediately.

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Presider Greta Getlein *Deacon & Preacher* Stannard Baker

Reader Pam Dart

Cantor & Organist Mark Howe *Digital Stewards* Sally Webster, Emiry Potter, Bert Cicchetti

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