



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25th, 2021, 10:30am

Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

Hymn: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 23



Hal le lu jah, ha le lu jah! Hal le
lu jah, ha le lu jah!

Music: Leonard Cohen

Cantor 1: The Lord's my shepherd. All my need through God will ever be supplied.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
By quiet streams and through green fields, the Lord will ever be my guide.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: The Lord revives, and guides my feet on pathways that are true and right.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
And I shall fear no evil though I walk alone through darkest night.
For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah.

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Cantor 1: Your rod and staff, they comfort me; still in the presence of my foes.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)
You feed me, you anoint my head, and still my cup it overflows.
(For this, I sing for ever, Hallelujah!)

Cantor 2: *Hallelujah . . .*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

9 Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

Cantor: **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily: The Rev. Canon Dr. Andrew Sheldon

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Musical Reflection: The Lord is my Shepherd

H. Goodall

The Apostle's Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **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.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. The cantor sings verses 1-3 of the Sanctus.



1. Ho - ly, - ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Lord God of pow'r and might	Lord
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven,	your
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	He comes the Bless - ed One	He
4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er - more be glo - ry!	For
5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er more be glo - ry!	For



God of pow'r,	Lord God of might!	Ho - ly, ho - ly	Lord!
glo - ry fills	the heav'n and earth!	Ho - ly, ho - ly	Lord!
comes in	the name of the Lord!	Ho - ly, ho - ly	Lord!
ev - er more	be glo - ry to you!	Glo - ry - be	to you!
ev - er more	be glo - ry to you!	A - men, A	- men!

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, the cantor sings verse 4 of the Sanctus.

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love. At the elevation of the bread and cup, the cantor sings verse 5 of the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Music During Communion: Abide with Me

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Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Alleluja

W.A. Mozart



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