The Holy Eucharist

The Church of the Ascension

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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ORDER OF SERVICE

A warm welcome to all!

Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom

for the duration of this service.

The Ringing of the Bells

ORGAN PRELUDE Trumpets in Dialogue

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

All are invited to stand

Opening Hymn | Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Hymn 178



The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Celebrant and People together

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 Savior. Amen.

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.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading | Acts 2:42-47

Read in German by Carmen Bleicher

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Led by David Case

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 forever.

The Second Reading | 1 Peter 2:19-25

Read by David Case

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel | John 10:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

Silence may be kept.

All are invited to stand

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

Led by George Battrick

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor

Let us join our prayers with those of our Savior Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. Let justice roll down like waterfalls and peace like a roaring river. May our common life reflect goodness of your kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow. We especially pray for the people of Ukraine, Sudan and for all victims of senseless violence. Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Help us to follow their good examples. Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. We pray for all deacons, priests and bishops. We pray especially for Mark, our bishop, and for Michael, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for our priests Ali and Dan. May their life and witness bring glory to you. Lord, hear us.

People Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; Give us strength to love as you love, to give as you have given, and to bless as you have blessed. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

The Offertory

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 5:2

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Music Intermezzo Nr. IV , Opus 9

Hermann Schroeder



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues

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:



The celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People (muted)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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 forever. AMEN.

The celebrant continues

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

Celebrant and 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask
 the priest as communion is offered to you.
- Following convocation guidelines, intinction will not be allowed at this time. Please know
 that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid
 communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply return to your
 seat, stop and bow to the chalice or simply touch the chalice as a sign of reverence.

Communion Music



All are invited to stand, as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

All are invited to stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



The Sending and Blessing

Celebrant

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

People Amen.

Celebrant

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

People Amen.

Celebrant

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

People Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain always.

People Amen.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Postlude Toccata in G Minor

Gabriel Pierne



Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall following the worship service.



