



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary "...beside the still waters."

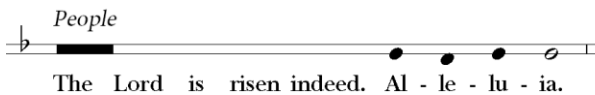
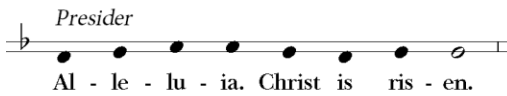
Dan Locklair

Hymn 208

Victory

The Easter Acclamation

adapt. Mason Martens

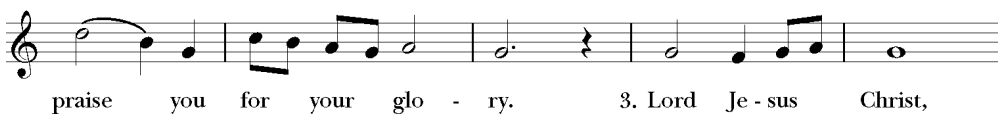


The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria

William Mathias



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 Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Reader A reading from Acts.

The next day their 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

The psalm is sung by the congregation.



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 of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

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.**

Hymn 644

St. Peter

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

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: 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 and the Son, 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 of the People

The presider introduces the prayers

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created and so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church brought to life by the Holy Spirit, that in its diversity it may witness to one Lord, one faith, and one baptism; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Diocesan Bishop, for The Anglican Church of Australia, Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, for our companion diocese of Brasilia and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in high places of authority, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death; for Joe, our President and Eric, our Governor, and for the leaders of every nation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the Gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment; that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings; for all those commended to our prayers including those we name together; **Janet Huber, Don Nead, Alice Anderson, John Howland, Kathie Basden, Sue Eichhorn, Paul Lawson, Carolyn Speer, Pam Ogorzaly, Bill McInerney, Carol Helgerman, Barbara Hess, Paul Roberts, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Ginny Hull, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Alyce Dressler, Pequita Behrndt, Brien Dick, Rachel, Judy, Peter, David, Judy, Angela, Heidi, Adam, Carole, Leslie, Dymphna, and their families,** and for those we name now either silently or aloud... that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, including Carl, Hilda, those buried in the Memorial Garden and those we name now either silently or aloud... and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all gathered in this assembly, that we may see the tomb empty and walk joyfully in newness of life; for St. John's clergy, staff, vestry, and wardens; for all members of this parish including those we name together **Lou Nash, Dawn and Sean Niccum, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Merrill & Kathryn Nielsen, Allysha Nordyke;** and for those who find community here, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The presider continues

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

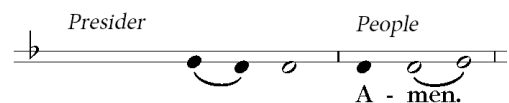
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



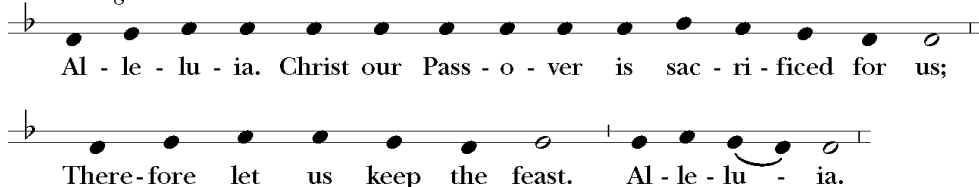
The Lord's Prayer

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

This setting is not used in Lent.



The Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 663

Hymn 708

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Sicilian Mariners*

Please stand or kneel as you are able for

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

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.**

Hymn 334

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary *Concerto in B Minor: Allegro*

Johann Walther

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Bradley Pace
Preacher	Jason Fortner
MC	Kyle Tribbett
Acolyte	Greg McClure
Lectors	Kathy Johnson, Trey Gorden
LEM	Betty Tonsing, Brent Ladd
Ushers	Becky Dick, George Moore
Counters	Sally Byrn, Julie Peretin
Altar Guild	Dorinda Kueberth, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Linda Jeffries, Michael Benner, Robert Kurtz
Hospitality Hosts	Jubilee Christmas Committee



Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Announcements

Forward Day by Day

The new Forward Day by Day booklets for the months of May, June and July are available at the back of the church and at the parish office.

Spring Fundraiser for Jubilee Christmas

TODAY Sunday, April 21

The Jubilee Christmas committee would like to invite you to participate in an early fundraising effort to support our event this December. TODAY, we will be hosting a coffee hour to answer any of your questions about this year's Jubilee Christmas. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our fundraiser this spring to help get the ball rolling early! For more information, please contact Mary Kay McCauley at mccauley.mk3@gmail.com.

"How to Be Perfect": Making Moral Decisions

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7

Making moral decisions is hard. But we can have fun together while discerning how to make those decisions. Join Fr. Bradley for discussions about moral philosophy and Christian ethics using Michael Schur's book *How to be Perfect* and the TV show "The Good Place." We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from April 23 – May 7. Dinner will be served. Copies of the book are available in St. John's Commons. Copies are \$15 apiece. Please contact Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org for more information, if you need childcare, and/or if you have any dietary restrictions.

Newcomer's Event

Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Are you new to St. John's? New-er? New-ish? The Vestry would like to invite you to join us Friday, April 26th for a casual evening of food and fellowship from 6-8 p.m. at St. John's. Children's activities/childcare and food will be provided. For more information, please contact Julie Peretin at julie.peretin@gmail.com.

Eastertide Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 28, 5 p.m. at St. John's

On Sunday, April 28 at 5 p.m. the St. John's choir will lead an Eastertide hymn festival centered on creation. They will be joined by Marilyn Keiser, director of music emeritus at Trinity Episcopal in Bloomington, who was also professor of music (organ and church music) at Indiana University for 25 years. This kind of thematic hymn festival, featuring choral leadership with instrumental music and robust congregational singing, is cherished in many faith traditions. As a community of Christians, we will make a joyful noise and praise God together in song. For more information, contact Michael Bennett at michael@stjohns-laf.org.

Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Lou Nash, Dawn and Sean Niccum, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Merrill & Kathryn Nielsen, Allysha Nordyke.

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For those who have died—For all who have died, including Carl, Hilda, those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

The leaders of our Communion—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Anglican Church of Australia, Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors.



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