

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Sykesville, Maryland
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude **Variations on a French Carol for Easter** *Edward Beals*

Hymn 391 **Before the Lord's eternal throne** *Winchester New*

1. Before the Lord's eternal throne, ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone; he can create, and he destroy.
2. His sovereign power without our aid formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3. We are his people, we his care, our souls, and all our mortal frame:
what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to thy Name?
4. We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
5. Wide as the world is thy command, vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move.

Words of Welcome

The Word of God

Priest Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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*

Gloria S-280

Leo Sowerby

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and
Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

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.*

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

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.*

Psalm 23

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.

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.*

The Sequence Hymn

Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock *St. Agnes*

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
4. Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

All stand for the Gospel reading

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 10:11-18

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."

After the Gospel, the priest says The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Timothy H. Grayson

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

*Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: **Lord, have mercy.***

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

(Please join the intercessor in saying the names of those on our parish prayer list)

Immediate Concerns: *None at the time of printing*

Ongoing Concerns: Al Antonelli, Larry Ballantine, Wendy Benz, Kathy Bigelo, John Bittorie, Jakisha Blackwell, Tom Breeden, Margaret Broadwater, Karen Jean Chappell, Lucille Clarke, Michael Cross, Aaron Ellis, Barbara Foxwell, Dylan Foxwell, Barbara Fuston, Sandra Gaines, Bob Gault, Nancy Gerace, Fr. Gary Hawkins, Melissa Hawkins-Holt, Mary Johnson, Jim Kinnear, Amanda Lehew, Mike McNeley, Meg McPherson, Michelle McTaggart, Dan Moyer, Scott Murphy, Barbara Reynolds, Ollie Rivera, Tim Robinson, Vic Russell, Bobbie Schneider, Kim Simpson, Rachel Stevens, Jenn Thatcher, Jim Thatcher, James Wade, Debbie Walsh, the Rev. Mary Walton+, and Anita Williamson. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, that they be at peace. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of Israel and Hamas, Ukraine and Russia, the Sudan, and all other nations at war, that killing will cease and peace prevail. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the victims of gun violence and mass shootings in our country, and for the parents, relatives, and friends of those killed. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Eugene, and Carrie, and for our priest, Tim. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the residents, staff, and volunteers at Copper Ridge and the Night-by-Night Shelter. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Homework Club at the Historic Colored Schoolhouse -- the volunteer teachers, the students, and their parents. For them let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Birthday Prayer –Michael Britton, Julia Colonna, Hannah Dore

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Michael, Julia, and Hannah as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us now offer our own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud (**Pause**)

Celebrant: We lift these prayers to you, O God, that they may be acceptable in your sight. Help us to answer your call to discipleship this day and every day, and to walk lovingly alongside our neighbors in Christ's name. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Priest stands and says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia He is coming!
The Stone Church Picker

Martha Butler

The Doxology:

Verse 3, Hymn 380

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 proceeds:

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 you 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Powell

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

The Celebrant continues.

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 for ever. *Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.*

Fraction Anthem S-163 Agnus Dei

Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn LEVAS 43 Because He Lives

William Gaither

The Stone Church Pickers

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

The Post Communion Prayer

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 Blessing

Hymn 708 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us** *Sicilian Mariners*

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Dismissal

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The FLOWERS on the Altar are to the Glory of God

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