



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024**

**Creation Care Sunday**

**Prelude:** *Sheep May Safely Graze, J.S. Bach, arr. Egon Petri*

**Processional Hymn:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* **Hymn 383**

**The Word of God** **BCP 355**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray together our 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.*

**Celebrant and People:** **Hymn S280**

**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.**

## **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. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A Reading from Acts 4:5-12

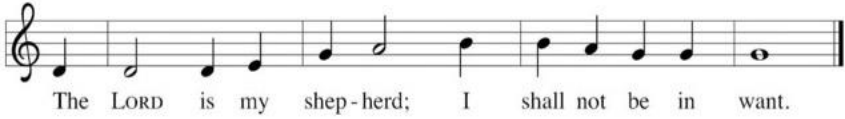
The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with 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."

Lector: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*



- <sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.
- <sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>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. **R**
- <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. **R**

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**The Epistle**  
**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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us  
(Children leave for Sunday school)*

**Hymn 708**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John 10:11-18

**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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Introduction to the Sacred Grounds Project**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation**

Lector: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace.

*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*

**We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan  
Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends**

We pray for: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Anglican Church of Australia



## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Mark's Church, DC

St. Mark's Church, Fairland

International Earth Day (April 22 ) Pray for the Good  
Stewardship of the Earth

### **For our Parish Family and Friends:**

Delbert Wemple, Lydia Brittle, Steve O'Neil, Scott Peterson,  
Stevie Grimes, Laura Hobbs, Nancy Harding, Frank

McMurtray, Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

Rebecca Koltun & family (J. Rutherford)

Susan Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)

Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Nick Vlachos (C. Hendricks)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

Patty Terry (V. Clayton)

The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)

Seth Washington (S. Grimes)

Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Helen Hamlin (N. Row)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Michele Shirron (V. Clayton & N. Row)

Alma Bray (L. Bray)

Karen Scott (M. Wemple)

Jerrilyn Frame (M. Wemple)

Scott & Barb McDonald (V. Cross)

Paul Penfold (M. Wilner)

Scott Johnston (V. Cross)

Gerald Holbrook (M. Wemple)

Caroline Cross (M. Wemple)

Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)

Harper Schwille (L. Lucas-Dreiss)

Edmund Ground (M. Smith)  
Allie Ground (M. Smith)  
Fred Downs (M. Wemple)

**April Birthdays:**

Jeff Bergsten	April 7
Lynne Bray	April 7
Victoria Cross	April 7
Sonja Elgin	April 7
Theodore Hobbs	April 9
Eric Zolkiewicz	April 14
Anne Factor	April 15
Sharon Frederick	April 15
Ray Amor	April 22

**Celebrant:**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin**

**BCP 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

***Celebrant 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.**

**Celebrant:**

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**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Offertory**

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

**Choral Offertory:**

*I've Got Peace Like a River, Traditional Spiritual*

**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above the Heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP 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 him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Hymn S129**

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.

**Celebrant:**

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.**

**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.**

**Celebrant:** And now as our Savior 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 Fraction**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed  
for us,

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #154*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**Celebrant:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn:**

*The King of love my shepherd is*

**Hymn 645**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People**

**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**

#### **Closing Hymn:**

*All creatures of our God and King,  
vs. 1,4,5, and 7*

**Hymn 400**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, arr. Lani Smith*

### **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Lois Leigh

**Lay Eucharist Minister** Sharon Henderson

**Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist** Lauren  
Fisher

**Usher** John Kaufmann

**Altar Guild** Jamie Kaufmann, Stevie Grimes, John  
Kaufmann, Brent Grimes

**Broadcast Technicians** Randy and Evan Beans

**Flower Guild** John Kaufmann

**Celebrant & Preacher** The Rev. Victoria Clayton

### **St. Bartholomew's Vestry**

Senior Warden Lois Leigh

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles  
Frederick, David Landrith, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer,  
Judith Schneider

**Coffee Hour** today is a potluck and is held in the undercroft after the service.

### **Altar Flowers**

We encourage you to donate to the altar flower fund, which is not only for dedications or special occasions. The cost is \$65.00, but all donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's and write "flowers" in the memo line or put cash in an envelope marked flowers. Donations marked for special occasions are mentioned in the bulletin; send an email to [parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org](mailto:parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) or call 301-355-7189 to let us know.

### **Prayer Beads**

The next Prayer Beads Workshops will take place Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please join us eating pizza and having great fellowship. No experience is necessary.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is every Thursday at 10:30 am. We're reading "Scribes and Scriptures, The Amazing Story of How We Got The Bible". Contact the Parish Administrator ([parishadminin@saintbartholomews.org](mailto:parishadminin@saintbartholomews.org)) for more information or to have the Zoom link sent to you.

### **Music Together with Sonia**

Sonia offers music and dance for children from infants to five years old. There are classes at 9:30, 10:30, and 5:15. More information is available at [musictogetherwithsonia.com](http://musictogetherwithsonia.com).

### **Food Giving Basket**

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a "wish list" of items. Once it is filled Olney Help will come and empty it and we begin the filling process anew. Please help our less fortunate neighbors by adding a few extra items to your grocery list. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.



## **Forward Day by Day**

The new quarterly edition of Forward Day by Day for May, June and July is available in the racks at the front of the church. There are regular and large print available. Please take one.

## **On-Line Giving**

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew's by using this QR code:



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