SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

APRIL 21, 2024 - 10:30 A.M.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

We are glad you're here!

THE WORD OF GOD

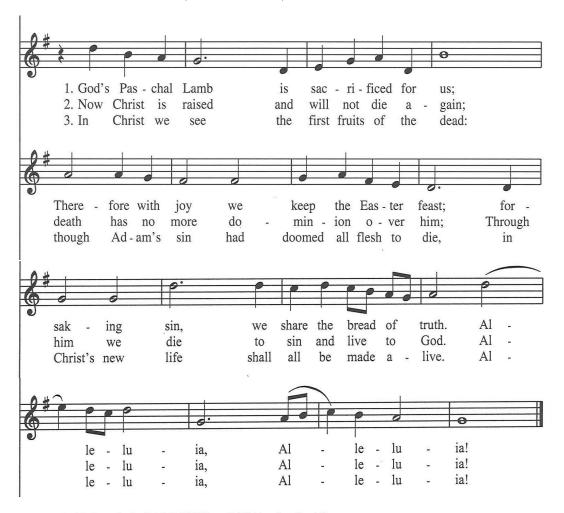
OPENING HYMN: "Before the Lord's Eternal Throne" (Hymn 391)



Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN: "Christ Our Passover" (Pascha nostrum)



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest 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 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join the choir in chanting the psalm.

THE PSALM (Psalm 23)

BCP 612

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.

THE SECOND LESSON (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: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Hymn 664)



THE GOSPEL (John 10:11-18)

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Kim Kilgore

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

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 (The people stand or kneel.)

Please join in praying our Clergy Search prayer.

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon St. Peter's Church and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of St. Peter's Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of St. Peters's Parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Brian, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe, our President; the Congress and the Supreme Court; for Bill, our

Governor; and Tim, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in

the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the homeless. We pray for the sick, especially those on

our church prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or

trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We remember those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Let us offer our prayers of

thanksgiving, silently or aloud. [Pause]

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. [Pause]

The Priest adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

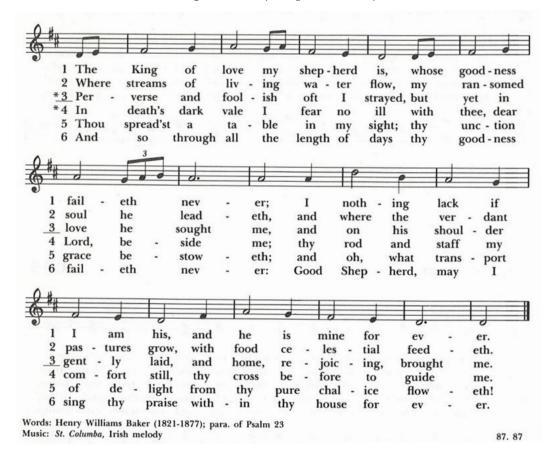
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic table is set while the choir sings an anthem and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code:



OFFERTORY HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Hymn 645)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

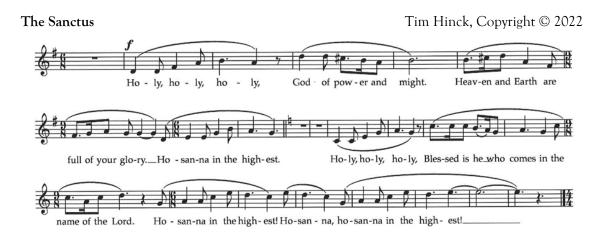
Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Here a Proper Preface is said.] 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:



Priest: (*The people stand or kneel*) 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."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: 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, 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

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The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

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Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

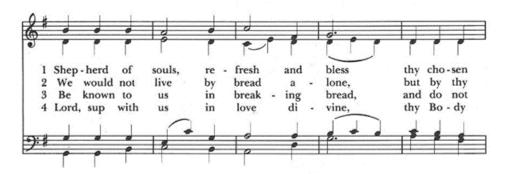
All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

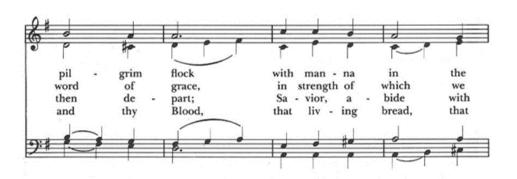
Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar.

The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "Shepherd of Souls" (Hymn 343)







Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

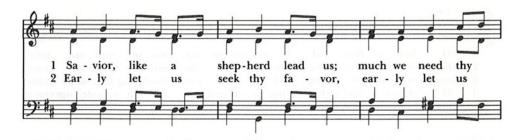
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All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant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

THE BLESSING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Hymn 708)





THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lectors: Anne Spratt (OT), Susan Self (NT)

Eucharistic Ministers: Joani Koch, Chip Stansbury

Intercessor: Tony Burgess; Livestream / Audio: John Trieber

Acolytes: Jessie Long, Laney McClister, Parker Thompson

Ushers: David Andreae, Aaron Wells; Healing Altar: Beth Janney

Greeter: Sara Thompson; Lights & Locks: Ruth Wilson

We pray for the healing and comfort of:

Alicia, Ann Doré, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bill Pichette, Bryson Tidwell, Caroline Johnson, Charlie Willett, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Jaye Harris, Jimmy McDaniel, Julie Suttles Saunders, June Glass, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Kevin Blasbery, Maggie Williams, Marcia Jaynes, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Megan Zahrt, Pete Cooper, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Satedra Smith, Sawyer Burch, Susan Harris, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff, William Johnston

The altar flowers are given by Fonda & Patty Harwell to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, **Neely Harwell.**

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For VBS, please save your blue foam egg cartons that hold 1 dozen eggs. Place them in the designated container in the Children's Area of the Bracewell Room. Thank you!



— 29 APRIL 2024 —

WOMEN'S GROUP

Aubrey's on Hixson Pike @ 6:30pm



We will be discussing upcoming outreach opportunities AND options for a 2025 Lenten Retreat

To ensure adequate seating, please RSVP to: Jaime @ 423.260.8813

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new to St. Peter's, please fill out the visitor form found in the pews so we can welcome you properly. Drop the form in the collection plate or hand it to any clergy or staff member.

The next **Women's Group** meeting will take place on Monday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Aubrey's on Hixson Pike. All women of the parish are welcome. Come help plan next year's retreat!

2024 Grads, let us honor you on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 5 (new date). If you or a loved one in the St. Peter's community will graduate from high school this year, please contact Kelsey Aebi.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. **If you are considering baptism** for yourself or your children, please speak with Fr. Bonner or email the Parish Administrator.

Mark your calendars now for St. Peter's Vacation Bible School: June 28-30. Once again, VBS will end on St. Peter's Day, with a potluck lunch and fun & fellowship for all. We hope you will join us!