



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



The  
**LORD**  
is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.  
Psalm 23:1

**Welcome and Announcements:**

24 Apr 5pm & 25 Apr 10:30am, 2021

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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**Opening Acclamation:**

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Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider 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 in Excelsis**

*(Words found in BCP p. 356)*

**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 Fa-  
ther,**

**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:**

BCP p. 357

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

*(BCP p. 224)*

**People 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

### First Lesson: A reading from the book of the **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

*Dominus regit me*

*(Read aloud in unison)*

**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.**

**Second Lesson: A reading from 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

## **Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18**

Reader        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**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.”

Reader        The Gospel of the Lord

**People        Praise to you Lord Christ**

## **HOMILY**

**Nicene Creed:** *(Said aloud by all, in unison)* *BCP p. 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: Form III

(BCP p. 387)

Leader *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*

People **That we all may be one.**

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

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*

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

*We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

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

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

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Give to the departed eternal rest.*

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

*In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**

**May God bless and keep them.**

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *Emmaus Church Plant, in Surprise.**

**May God bless and keep them.**

*We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the tribes of the Apache and Pascua Yaqui that call this part of Arizona their home.*

**May God would bless and keep them.**

*We pray for our own needs and the needs of others (*please add your own petitions and prayers either silently or aloud*)*

Presider *Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:*

*Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***



## **The Peace:**

Presider: *The peace of the Lord be always with you*

**All:            And also with you.**

## **The Offertory**

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,  
 \*5 Christ, thou art our glor - ious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;  
 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.  
 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,  
Son of God, as Savior given;  
on the cross thy dying breath  
opened wide the realm of heaven.  
In the glory of that land  
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.  
Savior, who hast died to win us.  
help thy servants, drawing near.  
Lord, renew our hearts within us.  
Grant that with thy saints we may  
dwell in everlasting day.

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Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Grosser Gott* melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantate*, 1851;  
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

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## The Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Presider 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:*

**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.**

*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:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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.**

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

**All: 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:**

*(Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept)*

**Presider:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

**Presider:** 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 and with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive the bread. Please observe social distancing. Extend your arm, palm open facing up to receive the bread. Move to the side 6ft to lower/raise your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and return to your seat.*

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## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, and Blessings**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Presider: Let us pray.*

**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.**

### **Benediction:**

**Presider:** 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, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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## Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage

1 Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, be - neath his ban - ner true:  
 2 Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, fear not the se - cret foe;  
 3 Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, nor dream of peace - ful rest,  
 4 Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol - dier, fear not the gath - ering night:

the Lord him-self, thy Lead - er, shall all thy foes sub - due.  
 far more o'er thee are watch - ing than hu - man eyes can know:  
 till Sa - tan's host is van - quished and heaven is all pos - sessed;  
 the Lord has been thy shel - ter; the Lord will be thy light.

His love fore - tells thy tri - als; he knows thine hour - ly need;  
 trust on - ly Christ, thy Cap - tain; cease not to watch and pray;  
 till Christ him - self shall call thee to lay thine ar - mor by,  
 When morn his face re - veal - eth thy dan - gers all are past:

he can with bread of hea - ven thy faint - ing spi - rit feed.  
 heed not the treach - erous voic - es that lure thy soul a - stray.  
 and wear in end - less glo - ry the crown of vic - to - ry.  
 O pray that faith and vir - tue may keep thee to the last!

Words: Laurence Tuttiett (1825-1895)

Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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## Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's Spirit, alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God,! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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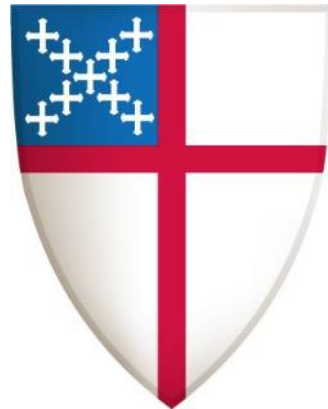
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