

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

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We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, the presence of the paschal candle near the altar, and at the 10am service, sung parts for the Great Thanksgiving. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.

The Word of God

Prelude

To God Be The Glory

William H. Doane

Processional Hymn

Welcome, Happy Morning

Hymn #179 vv 1-3

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Gloria

Gloria

John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ry King al-
13 might-y God and Fa-ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
25 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
40 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
56 you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,
70 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Huang
Deacon/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

1st Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

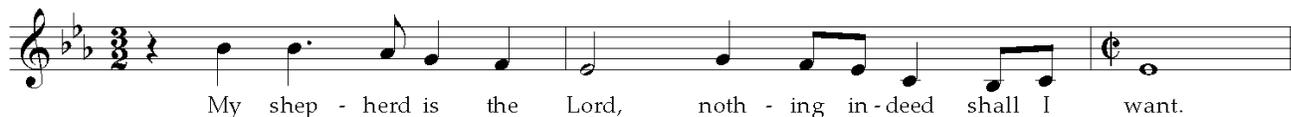
1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 23

Hopson



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*The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (Refrain)*

*He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff. with these you give me comfort. (Refrain)*

*You have prepared a table for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (Refrain)
Surely goodness and kindness wait for me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.
(Refrain)*

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

2nd Reader A Reading from the first Letter of John.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing

The Gospel Procession

Alleluia

Fishel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - - - - tion. Al - le -

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The Holy 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.

As the Procession returns please join in singing the Alleluia

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

(the People read the responses in bold)

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view your divine guidance is always available.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Nancy Jacobsmeyer, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Peter Pano, Karen Pearson, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*. Your mercy endures forever.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges.

(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially Michelle Zwirn, and those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.)* Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

My heart is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Celebrant Let us pray.

We pray our mission statement in the power of the risen Jesus and ask for the grace to be faithful to our calling: We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen. *(NEW St Francis Church Mission Statement 2018)*

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the 50 days of the Easter season.

Please STAND, as able, for

The Peace

Celebrant 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.

Welcome and Announcements



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?

The Holy Communion

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children of the parish gather at the altar to experience the mystery and joy of Communion up close, so their Sunday School learning may come alive in their experience.

Offertory Anthem

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

(Refrain)

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul. You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.

My spirit shall sing the music of your name. **(Refrain)**

'Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side.

Your rod and your staff my comfort and my hope. **(Refrain)**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **(Refrain)**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **(Refrain)**

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give
thanks, be-cause he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. And now, let the weak say, "I am
strong!" Let the poor say "I am rich— be-cause of what the Lord has done for us! Give
Son. Give thanks! Give thanks!

Please continue *STANDING*, as able, for
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.
They will become for us spiritual food.

People **We bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People **We Bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.
We thank you that they are with us, surrounding your table.

People **We bless God forever.**

Remain standing for
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

People We praise God together.

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world. And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

Sanctus

God Is Here!

Carey Landry

God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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Please STAND or kneel, as you are able, or feel most comfortable.

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

Families All the good we see comes from you.
You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Families He died for us on the cross
so that through your Spirit
we can all be your people.
And so with thanks we praise you.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant We are here because on the night before he died
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread
and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
"This is my body," he said.

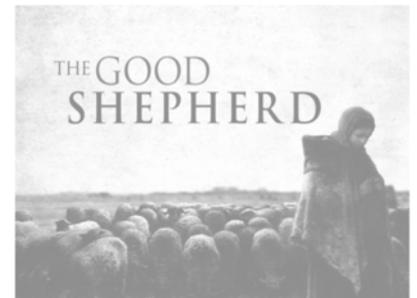
People Do this, and know that I am with you.

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
"This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever,
We are glad to share that life and live in him.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**





Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

Families Help us to love God, love others, serve the world, Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.

Celebrant We worship you and say:

People We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. Amen.

Celebrant 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

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

Fraction Anthem

At the Table of Jesus

Carey Landry

At the ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God. At the
 ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God.

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The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Communion Music

Brother James' Air

Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make, within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, 'though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill, for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes. My head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me, and in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who brings new hope and a new future through his resurrection from the dead, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen, alleluia!**



Please STAND, as able, for

The Closing Hymn

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Traditional

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus down in my heart (where?)
I've to the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing down in my heart (where?)
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart, I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart, I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus
Down in my heart, I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing
Down in my heart, I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart, I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!
down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!
down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!
down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart to stay!

The Sending Forth

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Cornet Voluntary

John Travers



*Thanks to the Lord for the precious gift of our Earth.
May we learn to be better shepherds—more careful, and less self-serving—
God-appointed stewards of the fragile life upon which we all depend.*