

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



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

## Important Covid Safety Reminders

In acknowledgement of our love and commitment to our faith community, we remind you that face masks must be worn at all times at St. Francis. They must cover your mouth *and* nose. Please also keep a minimum of 6 ft distance from those not in your immediate household, regardless of your own immunization status.

Please also note that we are publicly livestreaming our worship service.

*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, and the presence of the paschal candle near the altar. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

*Sleepers, Awake*

J.S. Bach

Please STAND, as able.

**Important - please do NOT join in singing.**

*Diocesan safety requirements currently prohibit congregational singing regardless of covid or vaccination status.*

*We thank you all for your regard to fellow-worshippers, clergy and staff.*

Processional Hymn

**I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord**

**Hymn #304, v. 1, 3, 4**

Singers:

I come with joy\_ to meet my Lord, for - giv - en loved, and  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
And thus with joy\_ we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways  
4 free, \_\_\_ in awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for  
ends. \_\_\_ That love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are  
8 near, \_\_\_ is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: we see and praise him  
me. \_\_\_\_\_  
friends. \_\_\_\_\_  
here. \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark Bennett, L. J. Clark, Suellen Eslinger, Susie Willigrod, Alyson Witherspoon*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jerry Sather  
**Preacher/Deacon:** The Rev. Jude Lyons

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 Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, join in saying,*

### The Gloria

**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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

1<sup>st</sup> 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."

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Reader Let us say together 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.**

*Please STAND, as able.*

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

† Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

*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 human.**

**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.**

**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, therefore, 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, therefore, 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, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, 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, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, and all those we name to you now. *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud)*. Your mercy endures forever.

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

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now.

*(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.)*

Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All We say 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.**

*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.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

***Important- Please do not leave your seat, or physically interact with anyone outside your immediate household at this time.***

*Please be seated.*

Welcome

# The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave. Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

*Awake, My Soul*

*Elaine Hagenberg*

*Awake, awake, my soul, awake!*

*Awake, awake, my soul, awake!*

*I will awaken the dawn!*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;*

*Let Thy glory be over all the earth.*

*For Thy steadfast mercy is great,*

*Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

*For Thy steadfast mercy is great,*

*Reaching to the heavens;*

*Awake, awake, my soul, awake!*

*Awake, awake, my soul, awake!*

*I will awaken the dawn! Awaken the dawn!*

*St. Francis Choir and Friends*

*Please STAND, as able,*

The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*Adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco*

*The people join in reading the parts in **bold**.*

**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.**

*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:

*Please say together,  
Sanctus*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You make all things and call them good. You love us into being; you form us in your image; and breathe into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from captivity, and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey. In Christ you have set before us the way of life. By his baptism of suffering and death you give your church birth into a living hope.

**Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom. We who were no people are now your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, 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."**

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me."**

On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who came to the tomb to care for his body. On that day he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread. And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, and we praise you and we bless you.

**All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.**

✠ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world, until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

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 Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**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.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

## Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

*Communion (bread only) will be distributed following the Sending Forth, as you exit the church.  
Please follow the Ushers' instructions*

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and gave yourself to die on the cross for our salvation: Give us that same humility, and that same spirit of self-giving love, so we may faithfully follow you and proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## A Prayer for Transition

All **Oh, precious Lord God Jesus Christ, we pray our search will reveal to us a new Rector of your choice. Guide our hearts to decide Your will of whom to lead our Church family. Quiet our minds and feelings to welcome all candidates to show us Your chosen one to lead our parish family to share the light of Christ. In the name of Our Lord God Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!**

*(by Darryl Tillman)*

## An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please STAND, as able, but do NOT join in singing

The Closing Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn #645, v. 1, 2, 6

Singers:

Mary Abbott, Anna Eakins, Suzanne Miller, Carolyn Carpenter, Jill Lynch

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics for the first system are: "The King of love my shep - herd is, whose / Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my / And so through all the length of days thy". The second system begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a triplet of eighth notes B4, C5, and B4. The lyrics for the second system are: "good-ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am / ran-somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures / good-ness fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep-herd, may I sing thy". The third system begins with a measure rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics for the third system are: "his, and he is mine for ev - er. / grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth. / praise with - in thy house for ev - er." The score ends with a double bar line.

Please remain in your seat and wait for the Ushers' instructions in order to leave the church.

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher