

CHRIST IS RISEN!



AND SO ARE WE!

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

***Our mission: Following Jesus by living in love,
walking by faith and serving our community.***

We're so glad you're here! This bulletin has all the information you'll need.

Our Worship Service

Organ Voluntary: Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!!" H1982 #205 (vs. 1-3)

Verse 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2 The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way:
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
PEOPLE: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "To God Be the Glory" OLFB #15 (chorus only)

Chorus To God be the glory, To God be the glory, To God be the glory
For the things He has done! With His blood He has saved me,
With His pow'r He has raised me To God be the glory
For the things He has done!

Prayer 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.**

Scripture Readings for the Day *You may be seated for the readings.*

A Reading Acts, Acts 4:5-12

The next day their 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 being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being 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.**

A Reading from Psalm 23, Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from 1 John, 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 the brothers and sisters. 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 deed and truth. 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.

21 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia" Carroll/Walker

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Organ 2. Cantor 3. Congregation 4. Cantor (verse) 5. Congregation

The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

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CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"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.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Carroll/Walker
Choir and Congregation

The Sermon

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to have a shepherd



The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able for the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 stand or kneel as you are able for the Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People

- LEADER: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Almighty God, help your people to seek truth, to live together in love, and to speak and act for peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- LEADER: Help us to value one another, to honor one another, and to serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- LEADER: Help us preserve and honor the earth, using natural resources wisely for our good and the good of all who will follow us. Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- LEADER: Bless our families and friends, and all those with whom we share our days. Bless those we name before you, now... *you may silently or aloud lift the names of those you know who most need a blessing.* Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- LEADER: We lift to you those on our church prayer list, who need you at this time, especially Marsyl, Lillie, Fred B., Carmen, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol, Carroll, Bishop Paula, Willie, Callie, Tanya, Otis, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Bob, Doris J., Edgar, Ernest, Kimberly, Virginia, Danny, Deborah, Ruby, Ted, Carrie Mae, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Elfreda, Noah T., Delores, David, Rosa, Alice, Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, William, and Elaine. Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:
- PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**
- CELEBRANT: 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 Confession *Please stand or kneel as you are able for the Confession.*

- CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
- 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 speaks the absolution.
- PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace, Announcements & Celebrations

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

You are invited to stand and give a greeting to those around you!

Offering Our Gifts Back to God

CELEBRANT: We should not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Thank you all for making this parish family a priority in your giving.

Offertory Hymn: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"__ H1982 #664 (vs. 1-3)

Verse 1. My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Verse 2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

Verse 3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" OLFB #655

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CELEBRANT: All things come from you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **And of your own have we given you.**

Gathering in Gratitude at God's Table of Grace

Please stand as you are able.

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, God 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:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God: 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 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:

PEOPLE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.**

Breaking the Bread

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

CELEBRANT: These are the gifts of God for the people of God; all are called and all are welcomed at God's Table of Grace. Receive as you are able, for God loves you.

You may be seated and will be invited row by row to come forward and receive a wafer. All who seek a deeper walk with God are invited. Please ask for a gluten free wafer if needed. Please come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisles.

Communion Hymns "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" H1982#343 (1-4)

Verse 1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

Verse 2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

Verse 3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Verse 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" H1982 #108 (vs. 1-6)

Verse 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Verse 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

CELEBRANT: Let us all pray together with those online the prayer of spiritual communion.

PEOPLE: **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. Though I may not now be able to receive you in bread and wine from the altar, I invite you to live within my heart. I know you are with me; never let us be separated. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: And now let us pray.

Please stand as you are able for this prayer, the blessing and the closing hymn.

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.**

Sending Prayer *Used to send forth Lay Eucharistic Visitors with consecrated gifts.*

CELEBRANT: We send you forth with these holy gifts to bless those who could not be with us today, but who still share our joy and hope in Christ.

PEOPLE: **Go also with our prayers to be a blessing to those we love.**

CELEBRANT: We are one Body as we share one Bread and one Cup.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" H1982 #708 (vs. 1-2)

Verse 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Verse 2 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Dismissal

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve your Lord and your neighbor.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary: on Sicilian Mariners by Gene Roberson



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for the following members who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week.

WE ALSO ASK YOUR PRAYERS for our parishioners, relatives and friends.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare, lead, and participated in our worship!

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