



*St. Mary's*  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Called to **serve, heal, and love** in the light of God.

YEARS  
**95**



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m. • Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC  
*Presider & Preacher*

# WELCOME

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email [parishoffice@stmaryslb.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryslb.org).

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



**Our Mission:** To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

**Our Vision:** To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.



## New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at [candidarivera25@yahoo.com](mailto:candidarivera25@yahoo.com)

## Sunday Schedule

8 AM

**Traditional**

Rite I Spoken Eucharist

9:15 AM

**Adult Education**

(will continue after Easter)

10:30 AM

**Contemporary**

Rite II Eucharist with Choir

**Children/Youth**

Childcare with Mimi Chavez, Children's Chapel in the Lower Church

11:30 AM

**Hospitality/Coffee Hour**

Guild Hall

## Weekly Service Schedule

TUES

**10:00am, Healing Service**

Conference Call Format

WED

**11:00am, Eucharist**

Spoken, Church

THURS

**7pm, Taize Heartfulness**

First Thursdays, Church

## Ways to Give

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.



Text GIFTMARY  
to 44321



During the offering  
on Sunday



Online through  
Give Lively platform



Mail offering & pledges  
to Parish Office



# Ministry Schedule

Thank you to all of our ministry volunteers!

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

## This Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am

First Reader	Christopher Gilbertson
Second Reader	Karen Zfaty
Crucifer	Ben Brown
Chalice	Pat August
Ushers	Larry & Marjorie Gorum
Hospitality	Mike & Stephanie Metzler

## Next Sunday, April 28, 10:30 am

First Reader	Kristi Guggenheim
Second Reader	Aden Welle
Crucifer	Martha Davis
Chalice	Tammi Ford
Ushers	Jim van Gaasbeek & Susie Horaney



## Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21,  
John 15:1-8, Psalm 22:24-30

# This Week at St. Mary's

## Sunday, April 21

8AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken
10:30AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir <i>Hospitality Hour following</i>
2PM	USC Film Student Filming, Church

## Monday, April 22

7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
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## Tuesday, April 23

10AM	Healing Service, Conference Call Format
7PM	AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall
7PM	L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

# Parish Prayer List

## For the departed

Lorett Gautreaux, Dave Brokaw, Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford, Jose Chavez, John Lever, Steven Perryman

## For healing, comfort and other requests

Randy, Betty K, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Naomi, Bill & Sara, Nick J, Cynthia, Don, Barbara, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

## For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

## For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles



*Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:*

## Wednesday, April 24

10AM	Parish Staff Meeting
7PM	AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

## Thursday, April 25

8AM	Men's Bible Study, Office Library
10:30AM	ECW Meeting for Outreach
12PM	Finance Committee Meeting
6:30PM	Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

## Friday, April 26

1PM	Women's Bible Study, Office Library
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## Saturday, April 27

8PM	AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall
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# Your Parish Leadership

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## Parish Office Information

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday,  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each week.

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Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

*The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each  
Month at 12:00 p.m.*

# A Few Reminders

## WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

## COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

## RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

## HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

## NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

*You are always welcome here.*



**Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!**

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.



## Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from **Karen Zfaty**, "in loving memory of my mom, Jeany Hammeras, on her 98th birthday."



## FAITH FORWARD JOURNEY

UNITY IN COMMUNITY - WALKING TOGETHER - ROOTED IN JESUS

2024 Stewardship  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

95<sup>YEARS</sup>

## A "Blast from the Past"

*As we celebrate 95 years as a community, we reflect on our history in Laguna Beach.*

By the 1950's the horsehair and plaster buildings had begun to deteriorate; they had no steel reinforcement and, by the 1970's, were beyond repair. The Chapel continued to be used for weddings and other events, but by 1977 had become so unsafe that it had to be de-consecrated and razed.



### LAGUNA BEACH CHILDREN'S CHORUS

A QUALITY MUSICAL, EDUCATIONAL, PERFORMING, AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCE

## seeking singers ages 8-11 for an exciting new choral ensemble

Call for information  
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YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

# LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS

YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE

TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO  
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

*BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE*

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

SEE A DESIGNATED ECW MEMBER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.





## Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Clothing Collection Drive for Working Wardrobes

*Donate Your Gently Used Clothing!*

### **When:**

- Date: March-April
- Location: Bring to St. Mary's

### **What to Donate:**

- Quality Clothing: Clean and gently used items on hangers.
- Accessories: We accept accessories too!

### **Why Donate?**

- Your donations help individuals overcome barriers to gainful employment.
- 100% of retail profits fund Working Wardrobes' career readiness services.

### **How to Participate:**

1. **Select and Clean:** Gather your best-quality clothing and put them on hangers.
2. **Spread the Word:** Tell everyone about our need for all types of donations.

### **Contact Us:**

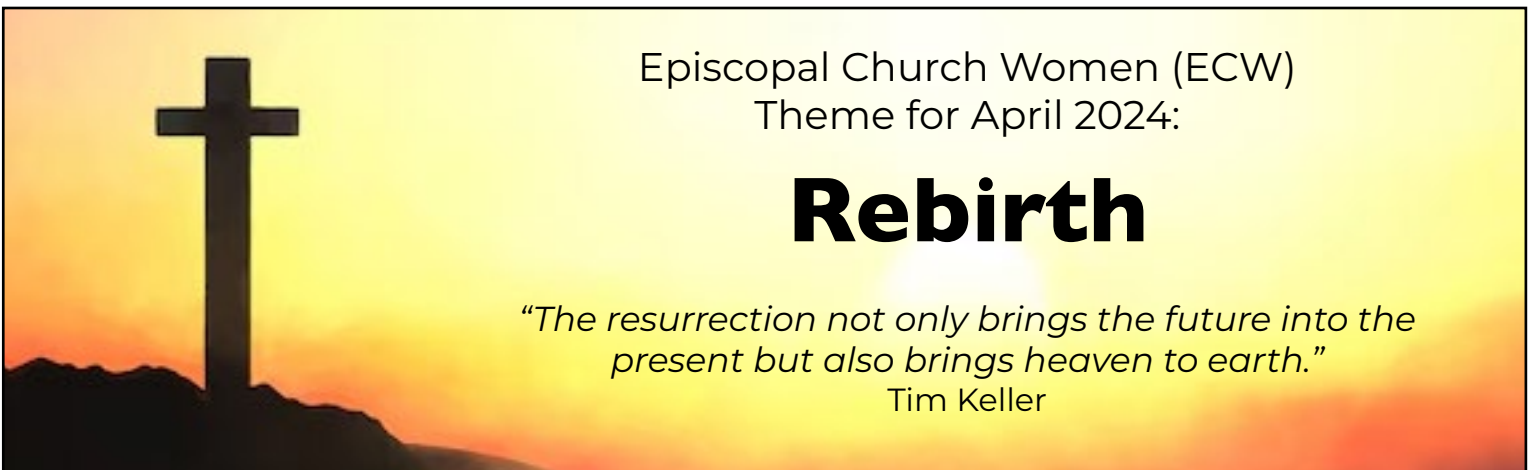
- Contact Marjorie: 949 497-8549-h; 714 322-0567-c or email: marlar4@cox.net

### **Important Safety Guidelines:**

- Donated clothes must be CLEAN and ON HANGERS.

*Thank you for supporting Working Wardrobes! Your contributions make a difference in the lives of those striving for meaningful employment.*

*For more information, visit the Working Wardrobes Donation Center.*



Episcopal Church Women (ECW)  
Theme for April 2024:

# Rebirth

*"The resurrection not only brings the future into the present but also brings heaven to earth."*  
Tim Keller

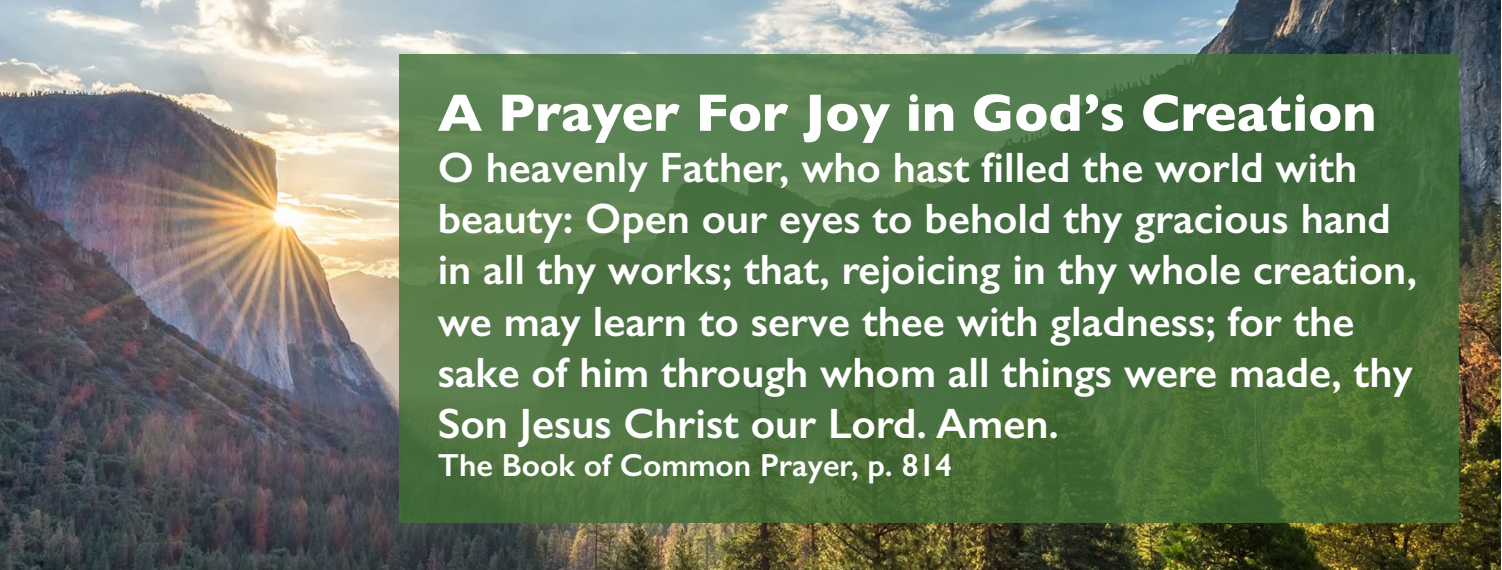


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HEARTFULNESS SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7PM // ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
428 Park Ave. Laguna Beach, CA 92651



**A Prayer For Joy in God's Creation**  
O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 814



*love.*  
**ALWAYS.**

**REVIVAL  
AND  
LEARNING  
PARTY**

**LOUISVILLE, KY  
JUNE 22, 2024**



## OPENING HYMN • *Welcome, Happy Morning!*

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"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say: hell to - day is Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring, all fresh gifts re - Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all, thou from heav'n be - Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go, tread the path of van quished, heav'n is won to - day! Lo! the dead is liv - ing, turned with her re - turn - ing King; bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall, of the Fa - ther's God - head dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show; come then, true and faith - ful, God for ev - er - more! Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore! leaves on ev - ery bough, speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now. true and on - ly Son, all kinds to de - liv - er, all to thee were won. now ful - fill thy word, 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus - Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan

Before the service, we speak to God. During the service, God speaks to us.

The people stand at the introduction of the Opening Hymn.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

**SONG OF PRAISE (GLORIA)**

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be  
blessed: Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Till ev-'ry-where be-neath the  
sun, God's reign be-gins; God's will is done: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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 people sit for the Word of God.

**The Word of God****THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 4:5-12**

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.’

According to Luke, the arrest of Peter and John is instigated by the Sadducees. The Sadducees held only to the written law, rejected the oral tradition followed by the Pharisees and did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. The Pharisees taught a future general resurrection, but Peter and John proclaim resurrection as a present and life-giving reality in Jesus.

**THE FIRST LESSON CONTINUED**

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM • 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, 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**

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.

This psalm is probably the most familiar and popular psalm of all. It celebrates God's loving care for us under the guise of a good shepherd who provides food, security, and protection from all dangers. God guides us on our journey through life so that we might "dwell in the house of the Lord."

These verses discuss the mark of a Christian's life - love. This love is the proof that Christians have passed from death to life. Refusal to love one another is tantamount to murder. True love for one another is manifested in action, modeled upon the experience of Jesus's love for us. It is shown as self-sacrifice as the heroic level and in the daily exercise of generosity. Deeds, not devout protestations or guilty feelings, will reveal our true standing before God, who knows us better than we know ourselves.



## THE SECOND LESSON CONTINUED (I JOHN 3:16-24)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The people stand at the introduction of the Gradual Hymn.

GRADUAL HYMN • *The Lord, My God, My Shepherd Is*

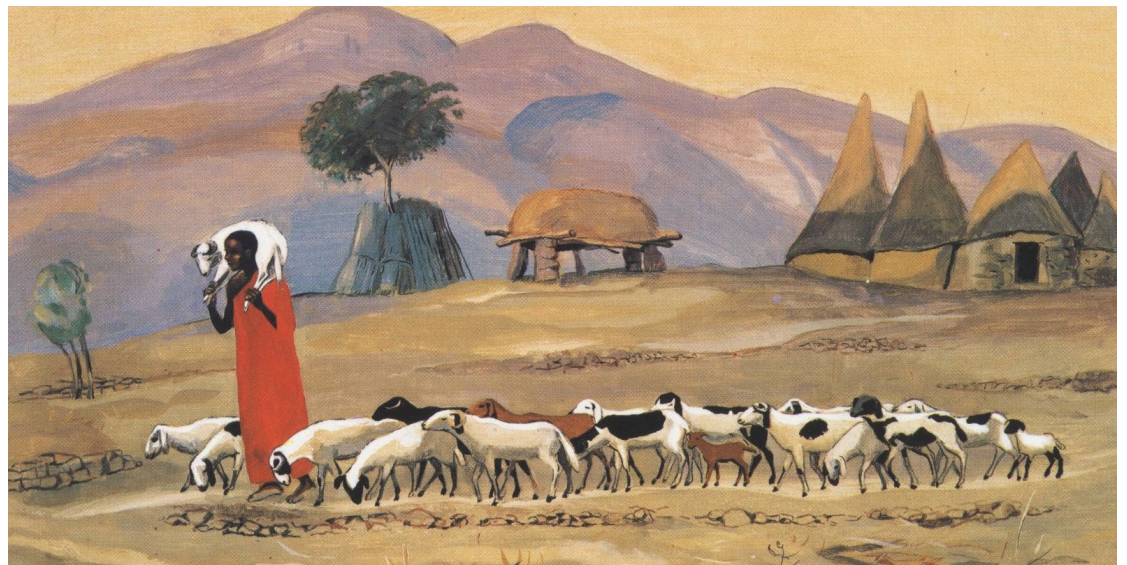
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The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.

Words: F. Bland Tucker - Music: *Crimond*, Jesse Seymour Irvine

“The Good Shepherd” by  
Jesus Mafa, 1973.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL • John 10:11-18**

*Presider*      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.”

*Presider*      The Good News of Jesus.  
*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON • The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC**

In Hebrew scripture, God is called the Shepherd of Israel, as is David or the Davidic Messiah. Today’s gospel develops the figure of the shepherd of the sheep. Jesus is the “good shepherd” (v. 11). The word good might be better rendered as “model.” Jesus is the model shepherd, both because of his willingness to lay down his life and because of his intimate knowledge of his flock. The intimacy between the shepherd and his flock parallels that between the Father and the Son. The purpose of this mutual knowledge is to bring Jesus’s followers, both the flock of Israel and the Gentile flocks, into union with him and with one another.

The people sit during the Sermon. A period of silence is to follow to reflect on the Readings and Sermon.

The people stand for the  
Affirmation of Faith.

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Presider* Let us affirm our faith together.

*All* We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,  
a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God became flesh and blood,  
became a part of Earth,  
a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
suffered and died on a cross,  
for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the core of creation  
reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all creation and filling the universe.

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* As one flock with one Shepherd, let us lift our voices in prayer for the Church and the world.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That those who serve in the Church throughout the world - especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the good news of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for governance may be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the living God.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

The people remain standing for the Prayers of the People.

The people greet one another with a sign of peace.

The people sit.

The people stand as are able.

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

## THE OFFERTORY & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

## DOXOLOGY

*People* Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP)

*Presider* God 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* It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die, and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth - land, sea, and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Holy, Holy, Holy - Music: Composer of melody unknown

*Presider*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Presider*  
*People*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Words of Institution recall Jesus' words at the Last Supper (instructing the disciples to do this in remembrance of him). The words of invocation called *Epiclesis* is where we ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon these gifts and upon us to make the bread and wine holy and to make us part of Christ's body.



*Presider* Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us in the language of our heart, we are bold to say:

*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.**

When Jesus taught his disciples this prayer it was a summary of all prayers. Placed in our liturgy at this place it again becomes the summation of our prayers to God in blessing the Bread and Wine.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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



One bread, one bo - dy, one Lord of all, one cup of  
 bless - ing which we bless. And we, though ma - ny,  
 through - out the earth. We are one bo - dy in this one Lord.

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*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
 of our sins: Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
 deem - er of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Agnus Dei, from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*People* Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the Word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith and trust in the world you love. Amen.

Regardless of the tradition you come or where you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table.

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction\*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith. And the blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love this day and always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN • *The Strife Is O'er*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! *fine*

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry - of life is won; the song of  
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of  
 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of  
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may

tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise his tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin; tr. Francis Pott - Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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