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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

April 26, 2026 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).

Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.

ORGAN PRELUDE..... My shepherd will supply my need..... Louie L. White (1921-1979)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness..... FINNIAN

The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO William Mathias (1934-1992)



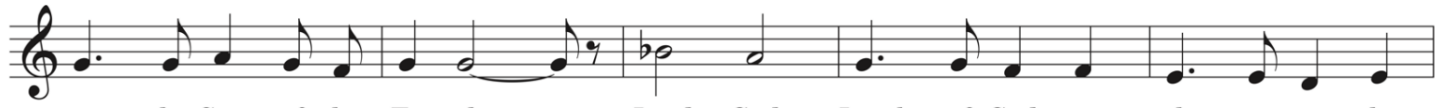
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

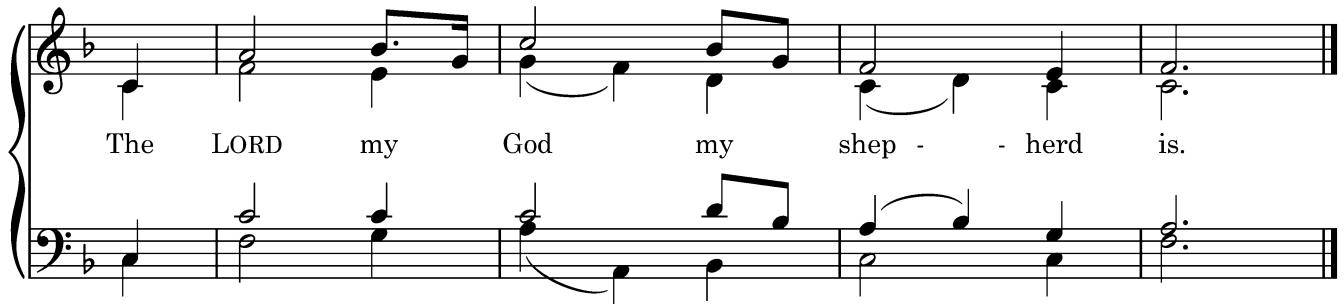
THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23 Refrain: CRIMOND; verses: Plainsong, tone VI

The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



The choir chants the verses, and all respond with the refrain as marked.

- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE..... 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

HYMN 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless **ST. AGNES**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV..... Prayer Book, p. 388

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, p. 360

THE PEACE

FRACTION ANTHEM..... Gary James (b. 1957)

The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The choir sings the verses:

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM..... The Lord is my shepherd..... Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

HYMN Savior, like a shepherd lead usBRADBURY

The communion hymn is on the facing page of the leaflet.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 645 The King of love my shepherd is.....ST. COLUMBA;

v. 4 arr. Lloyd, v. 6 arr. Davison

ORGAN POSTLUDE.....Fanfare W. Mathias

1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us;— much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us learn thy will;

in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;— for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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Words: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp in *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Rector's forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)
Tuesday Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday..... Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)
Thursday Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)
Monday–Saturday Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

Community assistance grant applications will be accepted until this Friday, May 1.

This week we remember William Franklin Baldwin, Mary Kathryn Butcher, Helen Sealy Cage, Jane Louise Miller Johnson, George A. Khoury Sr., Douglas Ancrom Lee, Jean Brewster Ricou, and Margaret Roberts, buried from Holy Cross.

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