



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 21, 2024, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church

297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 21 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II, with Holy Eucharist, <i>spoken</i> (in-person)
	10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)
	11:30 am Vestry Meeting
Monday, April 22	6:30 pm EfM Meeting
Thursday, April 25	6:00 pm Compline, <i>spoken</i> (virtual)
	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (in-person) CANCELLED
Sunday, April 28 <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II, <i>spoken</i> (in-person)
	10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II, <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for

Churches of the Concord River Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton

St. Andrew's Church, Ayer

Trinity Church, Concord

St. Andrew's Church, Framingham

Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society

Birthdays

Kate McKey-Dunar 04/23

Barbara Correia 04/24

Candy Jones 04/27

Pray for Healing: Ruppert, Alison, Sheila, Mary, Gail, Anne, Marina, Kevin, Flynn, Alec, Rose Marie, Andy, John, Christopher, Quintin, Phyllis, Jo, Jenny, Peter, Cara, Marco, Sara, James, Nicholas, Nico, Tom, Hannah, Joel, Kimberly, Shelbi, Derrick, Lynn, and Lordes.

Order of Service

Prelude

Pastorale in C

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 408, "Sing praise to God, who reigns above"

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Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship 1 p 50

Collect for Purity

BCP p 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Pascha nostrum, WLP 879

Dorothy Papadakos

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.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Choir sings Refrain; the Congregation repeats. The Choir sings Verses; The Congregation sings Refrain where indicated.



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| 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. | I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
| 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's
sake. Refrain | 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. Refrain |
| 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, | |

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 Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

After the Reading, the following is said

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 645, "The King of love my Shepherd is"

St. Columba

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Before the Gospel, the following is said

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

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

After the Gospel, the following is said

Presider: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Please be seated.

The Homily

Laura H. Brewer

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Please stand as you are able.

**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 join in the **bolded** parts.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Carol, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for the Church in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia; for The Anglican Church of Australia; for Church of the Good Shepherd (Acton), St. Andrew's Church (Ayer), Trinity Church (Concord), St. Andrew's Church (Framingham), and Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

We pray for healing for **Ruppert, Alison, Sheila, Mary, Gail, Anne, Marina, Kevin, Flynn, Alec, Rose Marie, Andy, John, Christopher, Quintin, Phyllis, Jo, Jenny, Peter, Cara, Marco, Sara, James, Nicholas, Nico, Tom, Hannah, Joel, Kimberly, Shelbi, Derrick, Lynn, and Lordes.**

Please name others for whom you wish to pray, either silently or aloud.

Silence

We pray for those who have put themselves forward as nominees for Bishop of this Diocese and for those who will choose the next Bishop of this Diocese: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life: we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Kate McKey-Dunar, Barbara Correia and Candy Jones, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Please name other thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Open our hearts, O God, to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The concluding collect comes from the Vanderbilt Divinity Library Revised Common Lectionary.

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd is Lord

Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

My Shepherd is Lord, I have all I need, giving me rest in green and pleasant fields, reviving my soul by finding fresh water, guiding my ways with a shepherd's care. Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil with you by my side, your rod and staff to comfort me. You spread my table in sight of my foes, anoint my head, my cup runs over; you tend me with love always loyal. I dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

Paraphrase, Psalm 23

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship 1 p 57

Presider: God be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus S 130

Franz Schubert

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Ever-Blessed Mary the God-Bearer, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 365

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S 164

Schubert

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: 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.

- All people are welcome to receive communion at God's table in this place. -

St. John's offers communion in both kinds (bread and wine).

If you would like to receive the wine, you are invited to drink directly from the chalice.

Due to public health guidelines, we ask that you not dip the bread in the chalice.

Please be reassured that communion is fully received if you receive the bread alone.

Communion Hymn 708, "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

Sicilian Mariners

The Prayer After Communion

Enriching Our Worship 1 p 70

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 665, "All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Pastorale

George Whitefield Chadwick (1854-1931)

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LEADERS OF THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Presider: The Reverend Michael Thompson, Esq.

Preacher: Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Marina Matuzek

Acolyte: Tristan McGee

Lector: Bryn Wood

Usher: Alec Schoeck

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Altar Guild: Bryn Wood

IT Master: Jeff Barrell

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

VP of the Day: Betsy Blagdon

Counter: Laura Brewer

Coffee Hour Host: Patty Schoeck

Good Shepherd Sunday

For many Christians, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because, in our lectionary, the Gospel lesson each year is a portion of Jesus' teachings on the Good Shepherd from Chapter 10 of John's Gospel. You may recall today's Good Shepherd Gospel lesson from Michael's priestly ordination in December. Fittingly, each year, the Psalm for Good Shepherd Sunday is Psalm 23, with its confident declaration "The Lord is my shepherd" and stunning imagery of God's care for all creation.

Good Shepherd Sunday also marks a pivot in the Easter Gospel lessons. The proceeding weeks' Gospel lessons focus on Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, but beginning this Sunday, our Gospel lessons shift focus toward anticipating Christ's ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and Christ's commission to the Apostles and us to make God's love known in every corner of the world. Good Shepherd Sunday seems perfect for this pivot, kicking off our commemoration of the Church's birthday and our commissioning by reminding us that God tends, empowers, and guides us every step of the way.

Today's Women in Music

Throughout the Easter season, we will sing the Pascha nostrum (Christ our Passover) by **Dorothy Papadakos (b. 1960, pictured here)**, who was the first woman organist at New York's Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, from 1990 until 2001. She is also a composer, concert organist, lyricist, and playwright. In the chant we sing today, she employs jazz-like, bold harmonies that she often uses in her silent movie accompaniments, for which she is well-known. Today's first hymn was translated by **Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1879)**, an English woman who translated and published forty-nine German chorales.



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