ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Good Shepherd Sunday]

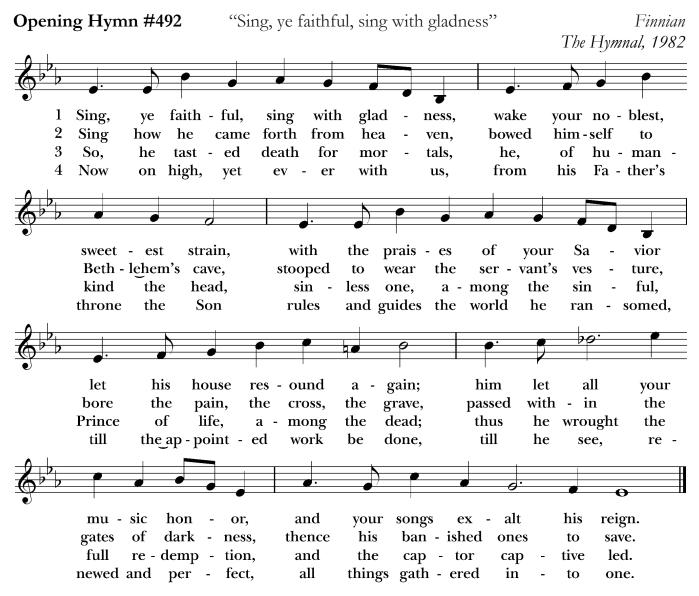
21 April 2024 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Community Notices

In concert with the ancient Christian custom (and for all who are able), we will stand for all prayer during the season of Easter, as a sign that we are raised with Christ.

THE ENTRANCE RITE



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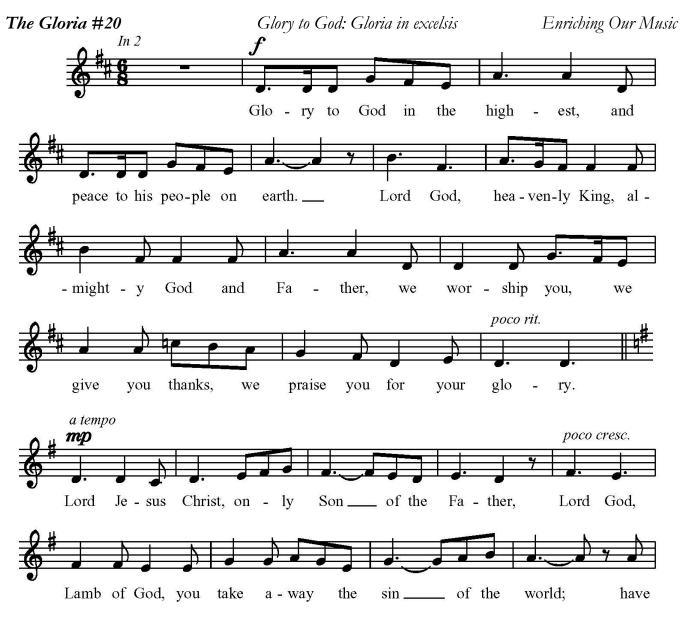
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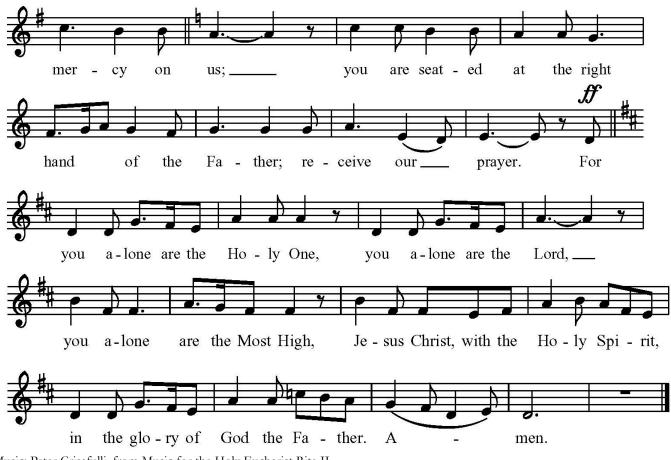
Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People:	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The 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.

All sing the Gloria.





Music: Peter Crisafulli, from Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II

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.**

A Brief Teaching Moment

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSONS:

First Lesson:

Acts 4:5-12

Bev Bullock, Lector

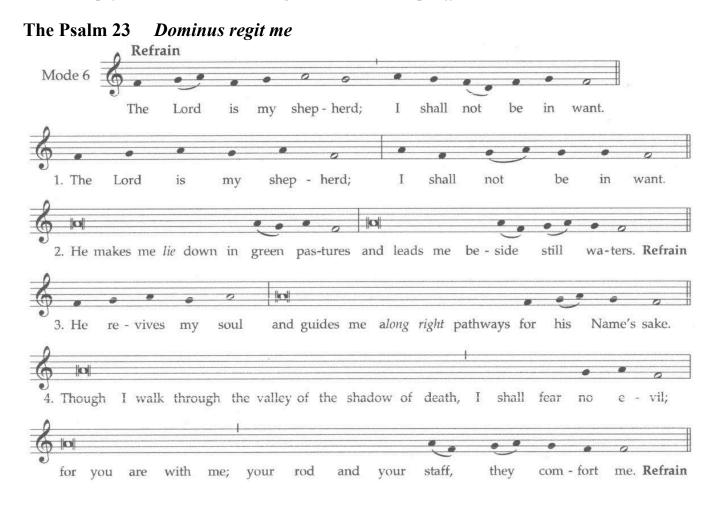
The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed During the season of Easter, rather than the customary lesson from the Old Testament, the first reading comes from the "Acts of the Apostles": Luke's record of the actions the early followers of the Risen One took. 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

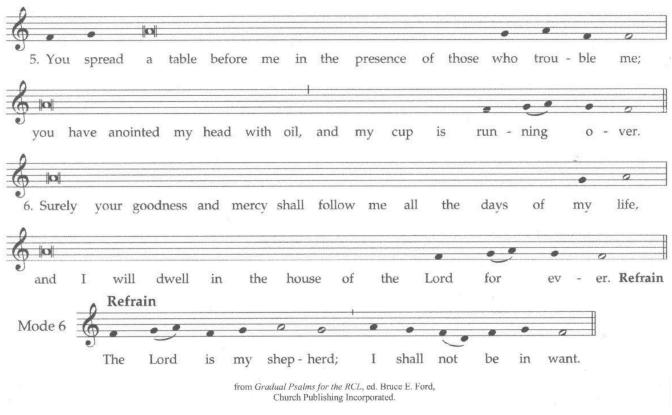
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

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

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for a time. Then, remaining SEATED, the People offer the Psalm.





Epistle:

1 John 3:16-24

Clare Bullock Boyd, Lector

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.

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for a time. Then at the organ's introduction the People STAND to sing.

Sequence Hymn #645

"The king of love my shepherd is"

St Columba, Irish melody The Hymnal, 1982



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

Gospel:

John 10:11-18

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock

Gospeler: 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

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,

Sermon Reflection Music "Brother James's Air (The Twenty-third Psalm)" Gordon Jacob Choir Singers

Reflection time is taken. Then at the Celebrant's invitation, the Creed is recited, all STANDING.

The Nicene Creed

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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

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Anderson Bullock

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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Bev Bullock, Intercessor

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

That the St. Philip's community may discern the new life of Christ and have the will to put that Easter life into all that we are and do.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may have the wisdom and courage to serve the common good;

For all who are displaced by war, the need for freedom, or from natural disaster; that we may work to establish their safety;

For peace and healing in Ukraine and Gaza and in our country's streets.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For those who are ill, and those who care for the sick;

For healing and the strength of new life for our elders, Mary R. and Barbara W.; for Marilyn, Lee B. and Milly for healing; for Maureen L. who is recovering from heart surgery; for Deborah H. who is coping with stroke issues; for Betty S.'s brother Robbie, who is fighting cancer and a heart condition; for Don and Peter who have health issues; for Nancy, Andrzei and Monica, Teresa C.'s sister, who are battling cancer.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Confession of Sin

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the congregation joins in the General Confession.

GOD OF ALL MERCY,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* And also with you.

The People greet one another in the Holy One's Name.

Community Blessings

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

4 ELEMENTS OF THE HISTORIC EUCHARIST

One of the important insights from the last century's liturgical renewal movement was captured in the scholarly book: The Shape of the Liturgy." In terms of the historic "shape" of the Holy Communion, four actions characterized the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar: Taking; Blessing; Breaking; Sharing, The genesis of these elements in the Eucharistic liturgy are the actions of Jesus at the "Last Supper" and the meal shared in Emmaus. The "Fraction Anthem" we use this season repeats the Emmaus experience and offers it as our own now.

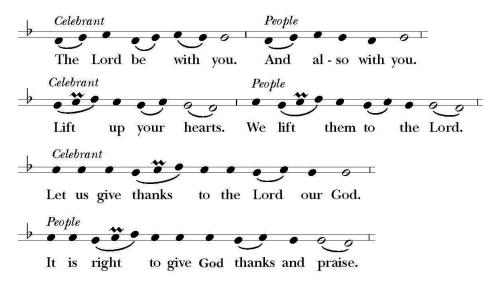
All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usber and the Sacrament will be brought to you. IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMON CUP,

PLEASE REVERENTLY HOLD THE CHALICE'S BASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE

"THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer D

Sursum corda ["Lift up your hearts"] #S120 The Hymnal, 1982

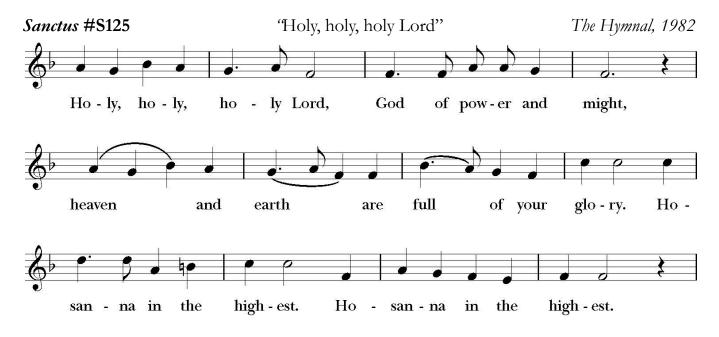


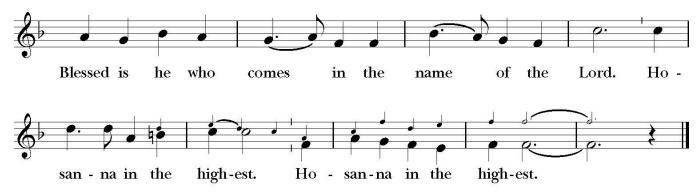
The Celebrant proceeds.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing...





Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

THE BLESSING

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church, our bishop, Doug, and Michael, our priest; Elle, our seminarian intern; our parish staff; and all the people of St. Philip's and the ministries through which they embody your resurrection; and in the weekly prayers of the Diocese we remember St. Helena's in Lenox; Creation Care; and the Mampong Babies Home in Ghana.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; we especially raise up all those whose lives have been broken by violence, bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Philip, Thomas, the Magdalene, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

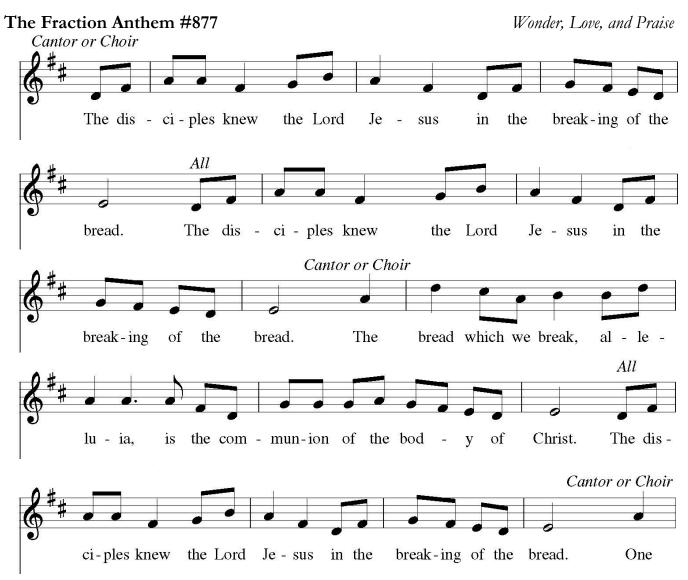
Our Father in Heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins	now and for ever. Amen

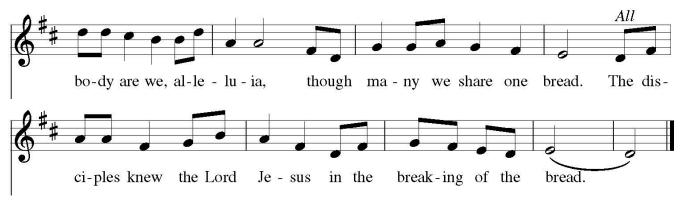
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem





Music: Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

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.

THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

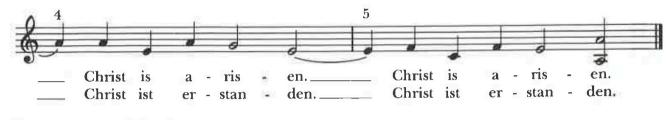
The People STAND for the Easter Thanksgiving and Proclamation.

Easter Thanksgiving and Proclamation

In celebrating our Lord's resurrection, one custom that St. Philip's employs is to sing our "Post-Communion Thanksgiving". Using what possibly is the oldest German liturgical song and found in our *Hymnal 1982, Christ ist erstanden* is a chant version of the 12th century song. For Easter Day and throughout the Fifty Days of Eastertide, we sing it three times as a joyous and public proclamation, a way both to conclude our worship and re-enter the world beyond our walls.

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving [sung 3 times]





Words: German, ca. 1529, adapt. Music: Christ is arisen, Richard Rudolf Klein (b. 1921); based on the chorale Christ ist erstanden

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The People remain STANDING for the Blessing and Closing Hymn.

Easter Blessing

This Easter, may you see more clearly God's rich blessings for you as a child of God. May you live each day in gratitude as a follower of the risen Lord. May your heart be broken open by compassion through the power of the Holy Spirit. This day, may you live without fear and walk the path before you in peace and freedom,

for Christ is with us always.

And may you be blessed in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn #204 "Now the green blade riseth" Noel nouvelet The Hymnal, 1982 Now the green blade ris from the bur - ied 1 - eth grain, 2 In the laid him, Love whom had slain, grave they hate 3 Forth he came Eas - ter, like the grain, at ris en 4 When our hearts win - try, griev - ing, in are pain, or dark earth wheat that in man - y days lain; has that wake think ing nev he would gain, er а he that for three days in the grave had lain, life thy touch can call us back gain, to а love lives gain, that with the dead has been: а laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un seen: quick the dead Lord from ris en is seen: my fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



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The Dismissal

Celebrant: People:	Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Postlude	"Christ, the Life of All the Living"	J.S. 1

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Robbie, Mary, Milly, Monica, Lee, Barbara, Nancy, Don, Maureen, Peter, Deborah, Marilyn, Andrzei Teresa Devany's family & friends

Birthdays

Ann Marie C ~ Apr 22

Announcements

April 21, 2024

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rev. Michael A. Bullock, Celebrant, Preacher David Brown, Verger/Crucifer Clare Bullock Boyd, Bev Bullock, Lectors Bev Bullock, Intercessor Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director St. Philip's Choir Singers Henry Reeves, Lay Eucharistic Minister Julie Flahive, Susan Sachs, Ushers Weyehn Reeves, Tech Minister Susan Sachs, Altar Guild Janine Murphy, Julie Flahive, Counters

Bach

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK our children will be reflecting on the Godly Play story of The Good Shepherd.

MUSIC NOTES

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THINK SPRING BRUNCH forEASTHAMPTON SENIORS at theE'ton Congregational Church onSaturday, May 4th at 9:30 to 11am.

2024 SPRING/SUMMER ALL 4 HER Consignment Sale - Final Update & Invitation:

LAST CALL FOR WORKERS: If you are available, we need your help this week. Please see Janet Couch after the service today; call or email her at 527-2964 or jccloonlover@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who have donated items for the sale; placed flyers; hung ,tagged and priced donated items; and already volunteered to help before and during the sale. Please join them and us in helping to bring the sale forth this week.

Janet Couch, Julie Flahive, Deborah Murray Hrubesh, Betty Snow, Glee Miner & Sue Breines, LeadershipTeam

ST. PHILIP'S OFFERS COMPLINE

ON FACEBOOK Sunday through Friday at 8 pm. Please join us!

SUNDAY LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP meets on Zoom every Sunday at 8:15 a.m.. The gathering of the curious and the prepared reads, reviews, and discusses the scripture lessons that will be offered in the day's liturgy. The link will be printed in the bulletin announcement in the NOW. Please join us in what has always been a lively and helpful discussion.

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The Sunday Service is on live-streamed on our website:

https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/li ve-stream-channel

Lectionary Study is on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8320782906 6?pwd=N0k0emc5NGkxdGFxQVpKM UNlaWJTdz09 Meeting ID: 832 0782 9066; Passcode: 270862

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