

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3760 Dover Center Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145**

April 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Rite II - Holy Eucharist - The Word of God**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn #343 Shepherd of Souls

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by thy word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE

BCP 355

The people standing

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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 standing, spoken

THE GLORIA

BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

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

READING

Acts 4:32-37

Pew Bible 1143

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM

Psalm 23

BCP 612

- 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,
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.

Psalm Response (say)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

READING

1 John 3:1-8

Pew Bible 1279

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord
All of the earth gives you worship
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth. (*Chorus*)
Blessed apostles sing praise
Prophets and martyrs give glory
For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son! (*Chorus*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-16 Pew Bible 1123

Celebrant *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are the Christ everlasting
Born for us all of a Virgin
You have conquered death
Opened heaven to all believers. (*Chorus*)

Help those you saved by your blood
Raise them to life with your martyrs
Save your people, Lord
As their ruler raise them up. (*Chorus*)

SERMON

Pastor Paul Laursen

NICENE CREED (all standing)

BCP 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392, Form 6

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop Curry; our own Bishops, Hollingsworth and Love;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

*Our Father in heaven,
We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.
Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:
For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship;
for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power
of your Spirit.
We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are
grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you
lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to
what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ. Amen.*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant concludes with an 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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

The Sanctus (say) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)
 Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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.

The Memorial Acclamation

(Said) **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Great Amen (say) *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

- * *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*
- For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.* Administration of Communion:*
 - *Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*
 - *The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*
 "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).

- * *Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,
Come give to us o saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call your family Lord,
We follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to You,
Our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy Lord,
To share this heavenly food. (Refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share
The Blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)

The mystery of Your presence Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain,
Comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

You give yourself to us, O Lord,
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. (Refrain)

Celebrant Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, *said by all*

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL **Hymn #343 Shepherd of Souls**

Be known to us in breaking bread,
And do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine,
Thy Body and thy Blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

The Celebrant dismissed them with these words

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

POSTLUDE