

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

**April 21, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL** Hymn #343 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

**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, sing*

**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**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures\*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He revives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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 (sing)**

*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.*

*Now He is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb He is risen; He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers. (Refrain)*

*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.*

*The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen. Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes! (Refrain)*

**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 387, Form 3**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop  
Curry; our own Bishop Jolly.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Let us pray together:

***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.***

*O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrate and People*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. 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.

*Let all things their Creator bless,*

*And worship Him in humbleness,*

*O praise Him! Alleluia!*

*Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,*

*And praise the Spirit, Three in one!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### **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** (sing) 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**

(Sing) ***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** (sing) *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).*

- *The chalice and intinction cup are offered with the words,*

*"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*

\* *You may dip your bread in the intinction cup \* Interscessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**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 #708 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**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**