



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 25, 2021  
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Morning Prayer Rite 2  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 2021  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn "We shall be free"

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (Easter)

BCP 77

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

The Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All:  
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

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

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.  
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

Antiphon (Easter) BCP 81  
Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed  
People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* BCP 83  
*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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Psalms 23 *Dominus regit me* BCP 622  
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts 4:5-12

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 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."

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* BCP 85

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the  
sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

A Reading from John's first letter

1 John 3:16-24

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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es* BCP 93

*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

A Reading from John 10:11-18

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

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *presented by Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader*

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

*All: And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

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

#### Suffrage A

BCP 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday of Easter) 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.*

#### A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of  
the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this  
day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week  
to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

#### A Collect for Mission

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on  
the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within  
the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit  
that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those  
who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for  
the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

#### A Prayer from St Teresa of Ávila

Let nothing disturb thee.  
Let nothing dismay thee.  
All things pass.  
God never changes.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

*The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

## Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102  
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Hymn "All you need is love"

### UPCOMING SERVICES:

5/2 Morning Prayer Rite II

5/9 Morning Prayer Rite II

5/16 Morning Prayer Rite II

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/26 JoAnn Gauss' birthday

5/16 Todd & Debbie Johnson's anniversary

5/18 Debbie Johnson's birthday

### SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

4/26 St Mark the Evangelist

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey;  
Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Nancy;  
Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily  
& Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Tracy; Lonnie

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury;  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop;

Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St James', Birmingham; Grace Church, Mt Clemens; St Mary the Virgin, Montillano , DR

THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRY: pray for discernment

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship and fellowship when the pandemic crisis is over!

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