



Welcome to Christ Church

April 26, 2015

Easter 4

All Service Notes: The 8 a.m. readings are found in this leaflet. The service is on page 323. The 10:15 Service is in the leaflet. Hymns are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand. **Welcome materials** are on the back table. Thanks to 10:15 service participants: Lector: S. Bridgman Chalicists & Acolytes: C. Sloat, S. Bridgman Altar Guild: L. Goodwin/Patton, Heslers Ushers: B. Bastow, R. Wishart Coffee Hours: White Team (10:15)

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

208 Opening Hymn (in the Blue Book)

Celebrant Alleluia. The Lord is Risen
People: **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia**

S280 Gloria (sung together)

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.

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 Reading (Lesson) from the Book of 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."

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

Psalm 23

- 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.

A Reading (Lesson) from the First Letter of 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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

304 Gradual Hymn (*vss. 1 & 2 before, vs. 3 after Gospel*) (*please all stand*)

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11–18 (People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*) (*please stand*)

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily Rev. Jim Kellaway (*all may be seated*)

The Nicene Creed

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, Form VI *(Lay reader and congregation standing, if possible)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silent Space*

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 Katherine our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops; for David, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For ... *(names from the intercession sheet)*

For those in the Armed Forces but especially for: *Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Colin, Tim and Jay (and names from the intercession sheet)*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life... especially for those celebrating birthdays... *Catherine Bastow, Andrew Sloat, Donna Bessette, Genevieve Cohen, – Hannah Flath, Hunter Malboeuf, Griffin Edwards (and names from the intercession sheet under birthdays)*

For those celebrating anniversaries... *(names from the intercession sheet under anniversaries)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom... especially *(names on the Easter Lily memorial listing sheet and any from the sheet)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: O Lord, our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

People: And also with you

Offertory Anthem *(the ushers pass the collection plates)*

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

S120 *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.**

The Celebrant continues..... 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 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 his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has 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.

S130 *Together.....* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, ...**

Music at the Breaking of the Bread:

S155 **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

645 **Children's Entrance Hymn** (as our church school and teens come in from class)

Hymns during Communion (383, Levas 14) *(all baptized are invited to communion)*

After Communion: *Celebrant:* Let us pray together

Together: **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.**

Easter Blessing: May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore. **Sung Amen**

Announcements

518 **Recessional Hymn**

Postlude