

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20 and 21, 2024

Said Service 5pm, Sung Service 9:30am

The Prelude *Vruechten*

setting by James Biery

The Processional Hymn *This joyful Eastertide*

The Hymnal 1982, 192

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Gloria (*said at 5pm, sung at 9:30*)

The 1982 Hymnal, S 280

**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 Collect

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 First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

In this account from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John, having cured a disabled man, are called to account before the high Jewish council. Peter testifies that the source of their healing power is the same Jesus whom the leaders rejected.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 23, said in unison

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul;
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 John 1:3 16-24

In first letter of John, we learn that the followers of Jesus are to emulate his love by laying down their lives for one another. By acting this way they will know that Christ abides within them and they in Christ, and the Spirit has been given them.

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.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is*

The Hymnal 1982, 645

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Then, all standing, as able,

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship I

**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,
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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
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 III

The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Gracious God, 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 our bishops Alan and Carol, for our rector Alan for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
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.

We remember those on our prayer list, Mary, Christy, Brian, Ryan, Bruce, Nancy, John, Judy, Mary Joe, Kristen, Luke and Greg. 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.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God by Mary Carlson.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Concord River Deanery:

All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.

*If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you would like to **remain in your seat and receive communion**, please **let an usher know**.*

The Communion Hymns *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

The Hymnal 1982, 343

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Welcome & Announcements

The Closing Hymn *Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done.*

The Hymnal 1982, 208

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Postlude *Fugue*

by Johann Pachelbel

Liturgical note: The Confession may be omitted during the Easter Season.

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Jan Greene** (5pm); **Greg Roche** (9:30am)

Lectors: **Mary Ames** (5pm); **Phyllis Helfrich** and **Helen Miller** (9:30am)

Crucifer: **Stevie Wood**

Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and **Choir**

Altar Guild: **Sylvia Connor**, **Bev Messersmith**, **Phyllis Helfrich**, and **Anne Miller**

Ushers: **Mary Howe** and **Tom Greene**

Sunday School: **Mary Ames** and **Spencer Knowles**

Hospitality: **Celia Bailey-Ochoa**, **Mary Howe**, and **Mary Ellen Ricketts**

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service!
Someone can show you the way. Welcome!!!

Announcements

The Caring for Creation Committee is distributing Eastern Redbud Seedlings to parishioners and friends Saturday evening 6-7pm and Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30am. Our cost per tree is \$3 per seedling. Donations of any size are appreciated.

Fr. Al will be adding a **Wednesday noon weekday service** to the calendar. Start date to be determined.

Quilter's Group meets on Wednesday, April 24 at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

The Invite, Welcome, and Connect Ministry invites you to an evening of fellowship, food and fun. Join us for a Baked Potato Bar on **Friday, April 26** from **6-8pm in the Parish Hall**. This promises to be a fun evening! A **sign-up sheet** has been posted in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office by **NOON Wednesday April 24th**.

Creative Sundays Group meets on Sunday, April 28th at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall.

Mary Howe is collecting eclipse glasses for an organization called Astronomers Without Borders who distribute them to a poor south African country due for total eclipse next year. She will see that any turned in get to that organization. You can drop them off at the Parish Office or leave them in the basket on the Narthex table. Many thanks.

Counters are Needed to count the offering, especially after the Sunday service. Having more volunteers for this important internal control function will allow us to rotate responsibility for this task each week. The count is quick and easy to complete, and there are always two (unrelated) people performing the count. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Celia Bailey-Ochoa at cbochoa1@comcast.net

Bishop Election Update: The Diocesan Transition Committed invites you to of a series of open meetings around the diocese May 7-11, giving the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th bishop diocesan.

The Diocese of Massachusetts has scheduled a series of "Meet and Greets" to give the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th Bishop Diocesan. **Locally**, please join Father Al on **Wednesday, May 8 from 10-11:30am** at **St. Mary's Church**, 3055 Main Street in Barnstable. You may go to one or more of the listening sessions. To learn more about each candidate, visit www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

The meet-and-greet gatherings:

- **Tuesday, May 7** at **All Saints' Parish, Ashmont in Dorchester**, 7-8:30 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 8** at **St. Mary's Church in Barnstable**, 10-11:30 am.
- **Wednesday, May 8** at **St. Thomas's Church in Taunton**, 7-8:30 pm.
- **Thursday, May 9** at **Christ Church in Needham**, 2-3:30 pm.
- **Friday, May 10** at **Christ Church in Andover**, 7-8:30 pm. (with childcare)
- **Saturday, May 11** on **Zoom**, 10:30 am-noon (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults).

Additionally, there will be a "Coffee & Conversations with Clergy, Postulants and Candidates" session on Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul's Church in Dedham.

Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets.

All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the to be held on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Church in Boston.

Find information about the preliminary slate of nominees at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

March 25, 2024

Training opportunity for clergy, officers, vestry members and treasurers—especially those new to the positions: For many years, the diocesan Congregational Consultants ran Congregational Business Practices Workshops to educate congregational leaders about their responsibilities for the prudential (business) matters of their churches. After four long years, these in-person workshops will return in May or June. A four-hour curriculum will be presented on several Saturday mornings at locations around the diocese. It covers vestry duties, bookkeeping and accounting, safeguarding of assets, and administrative responsibilities such as the Parochial Report and clergy compensation. Consultant coordinators Edward Rewolinski and Betsy Blagdon need to hear from those who are interested so that they can plan enough sessions. If online training in shorter sessions is preferable, please let them know that as well. They can be reached at dioconsultants@diomass.org

Financial Summary for St. John's Episcopal Church Sandwich

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) at the end of March was (\$8,695), is slightly better than the \$8,715 deficit planned for in the budget. A favorable \$4,732 pledge revenue variance and favorable \$1,195 Space Use variance is helping to offset unfavorable plate, fundraising and Thrift Shop revenue variances totaling \$4,942. Total expenses are also \$1,004 higher than expected. This is largely related to higher utility cost than planned for in the budget. As mentioned last month, Fr. Alan and the Vestry are working on fundraising plans for the year and invite the congregation, as always, to share their ideas and talents in achieving this \$32k financial goal for 2024. Our Thrift Shop is amazing and supports our community, as well as helping to offset a portion of St. John's operating expenses. **As you complete Spring cleaning, please remember the Thrift Shop as you decide to donate your gently-used treasures! The Thrift Shop could especially use household items such as glasses, plates, bed linens and small appliances, in addition to books, puzzles and in-season women's clothing.**

Celia Bailey-Ochoa, Treasurer

St. John's - April 20-28, 2024

Saturday, April 20th

Worship with Holy Eucharist 5pm
Caring for Creation Seedling Giveaway

Sunday, April 21st

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist
9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft
Coffee Hour following in the Parish Hall
10:30-11:30am - Caring for Creation Seedling Giveaway

Monday, April 22nd

10am Al-Anon, the Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 23rd

11am AA, the Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 24th

2pm - Quilter's Group, Parish Hall
7pm - Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, April 25th

12noon, AA- Discussion Group, the Parish Hall
6pm, AA, the Undercroft of the Church

Friday, April 26th

6-8pm Invite, Welcome and Connect Ministry, Parish Hall

Saturday, April 27

9:30-10:30am AA, the Parish Hall
5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 28

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist
9:30am Sunday School in the Undercroft
Coffee Hour to following in the Parish Hall
11:30am Creative Sundays, the Parish Hall

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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