

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, May 11, 2025
10:30 in the morning

PRELUDE *La Grace*

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymn 645
Tune: *St. Columba*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *All glory be to God on high*

Hymn 421
Tune: *Allein Gott in der Höh*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

All sit

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be, — in want.

PSALM TONE

tone: DUKE STREET



PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ... I shall not [be] in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, ...
and leads me be-[side] still waters.
- 3 **He re-[vives] my soul***
and guides me along right pathways for his [name's] sake.

Antiphon

- 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 [run]-ning 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] forever.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *My shepherd will supply my need*

Hymn 664
Tune: *Resignation*

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children ages four through seven are invited to attend Wiggle Worship. Children who would like to attend Wiggle Worship may follow the Children's cross to the Children's worship space. Children who attend Wiggle Worship will return to the Nave during the Offertory Anthem.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Anna Ferguson and Luke Mehaffey

Following the sermon, all stand for

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.

Those graduating from high school, trade school, college, and graduate school are invited to come forward. High school seniors will be presented with a Bible.

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

Almighty and most gracious God, you teach us that what we choose changes us, who we love transforms us, how we create remakes us, and where we live reshapes us. As these graduates embark on the next chapter of their lives, make them wise in all their choosing, bold in all their loving, courageous in all their creating, and whole in all their living. Grant that they may know the strength of your presence, the assurance of your love, and the promise of your peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with them and remain with them always. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

There are several ways to make a financial gift to Heavenly Rest: you may place cash or a check in the alms basin as it goes by; text the amount you wish to contribute to 84321; use the "Give" tab on your profile in the ChurchCenter App (also known as the Directory App); or visit our website by using the QR code below.

Scan for online giving.
Thank you for your generosity!



*Those who are celebrating anniversaries in the month of April
are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

*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.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me,
you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *That Easter day with joy was bright*

Hymn 193
Tune: Puer nobis

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer D*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

5 heaven _____ and earth _____ are full _____ of your glo - ry.

9 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

14 Blessed is he who comes _____ in the name _____ of the Lord.

18 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The People stand or kneel as they are able

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Prayers for the Church and the world may be added here.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 7 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 14 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant proceeds

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service.

Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymn 620

Tune: Land of Rest

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymn 343

Tune: St. Agnes

COMMUNION CHORAL HYMN From Loving Hands

Thomas Pavlechko

Lyrics: Susan Palo Cherwien

From loving hands your grace has poured and blessed and formed the living world: from sound and fir to farm and hill your earthen works reveal you still. All glory be to God. From mount to shore, O Christ, you bless the home of welcome, haven, rest, where door and hearth and cup and board receive all in your name, O Lord. All glory be to God. Within each home, O Spirit, tend the parent hands that soothe and mend, whose holding, feeding, guiding heal and to the child your truth reveal. All glory be to God. From sun to sun, from stone to green, your gracious presence may be seen, not housed in past or distant lands, but in the work of loving hands. All glory be to God.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Celebrant blesses the People

All stand and sing

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

Hymn 334

Tune: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune*

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant - The Rev. Karen Boyd, *Assisting Priest*

Senior Speakers - Anna Ferguson and Luke Mehaffey

Deacon - The Rev. Dr. Russell Dickerson, *Deacon*

Organist & Choirmaster - Thomas Pavlechko

Music - Heavenly Rest Adult Choir

Lay Ministers - Kathy Ritter, Kristin Ward

Verger - Luke Teten

Livestream - David Christianson, Karis Maxwell, Bill Young

Sound - Lee Hampton

Acolytes - Parker Morris, Brooks Morris, Laney Morris, Lucy Craig, Margo Reed

Altar Guild - Candy Scarborough, Cindy Strain, Claire Carlson, Amy Edington

Greeters & Ushers - Dave Byerly, Robert Petersen, Courtney Messer, Mitch Barnett