



**Christ Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023 10:30 am**

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.
Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

Cover art: Anjolie Ela Menon, "The Hindu Good Shepherd," 2004

The organ music today consists of various Baroque arrangements of Easter chorales. The number for the corresponding hymn in the *Hymnal 1982* is listed in the titles.

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

“Christ lag in Todesbanden”
H 185

J. Pachelbel

At the tolling of the bell, all rise as able and face the baptismal font.

Processional Hymn “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” *Hymnal 1982 205*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast of Victory for Our God” *Hymnal 1982* 417

Verses 1-3

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, — whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, — and
 3 Sing — with all the peo - ple of God, — and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For — the Lamb — who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his — reign. — Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Concluding: "...for ever and ever." **Amen.**

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Acts 2:42-27

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

"The 23rd Psalm"

Herbert Fromm

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 guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art
with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou has anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, for evermore, for evermore.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep, and mine know me.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Prayers

Deacon: With the whole people of God, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

We pray to you, O Christ. **Hear us risen Lord.**

Concluding Collect

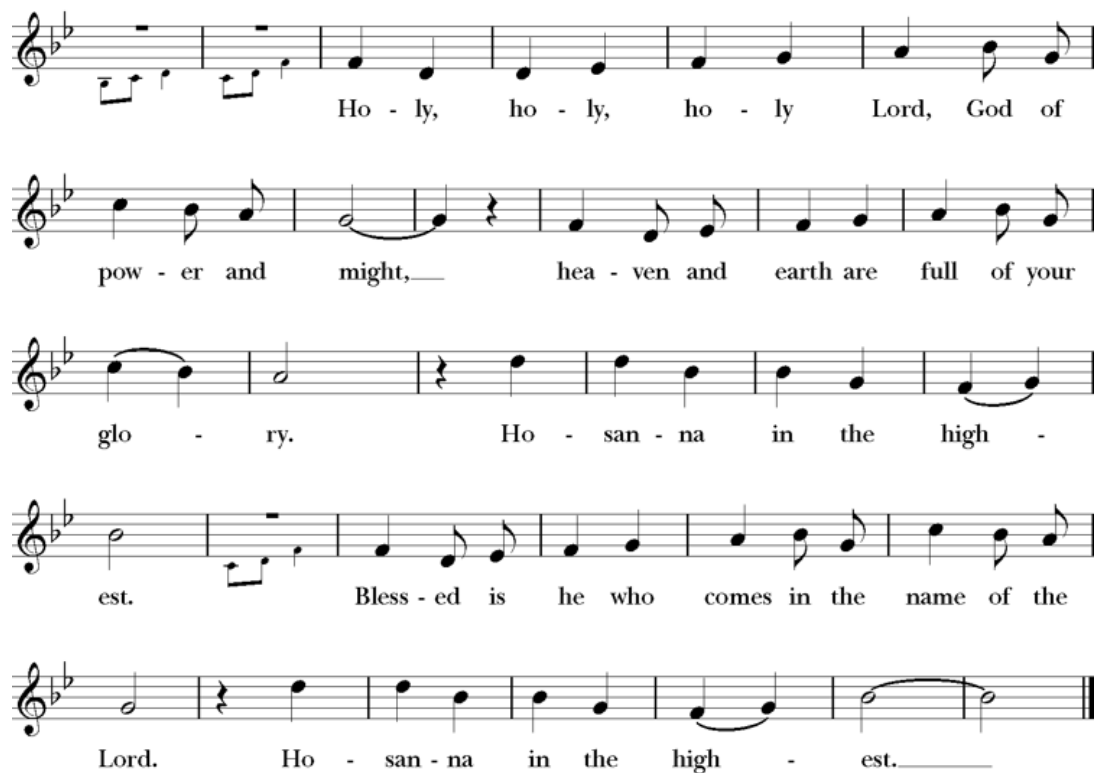
The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

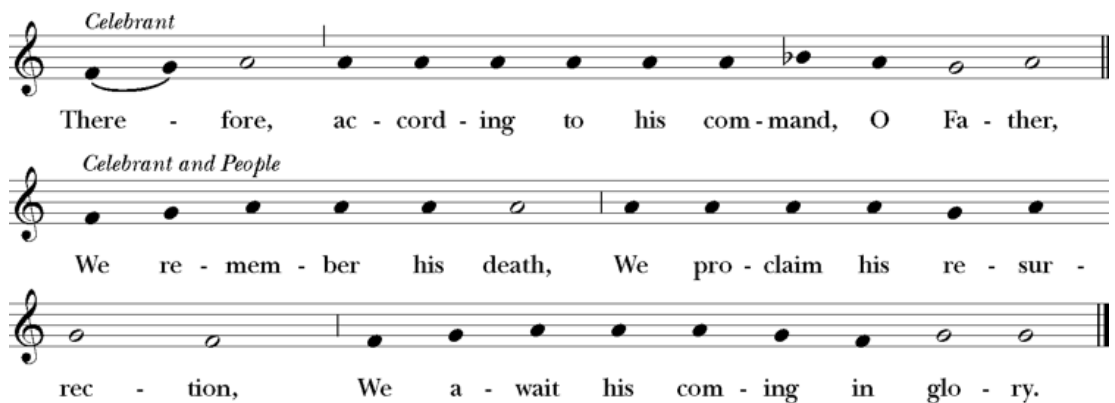
You are welcome to offer a word or gesture of peace to your neighbors.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Memorial Acclamation



Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Great Doxology

Celebrant *People*

A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

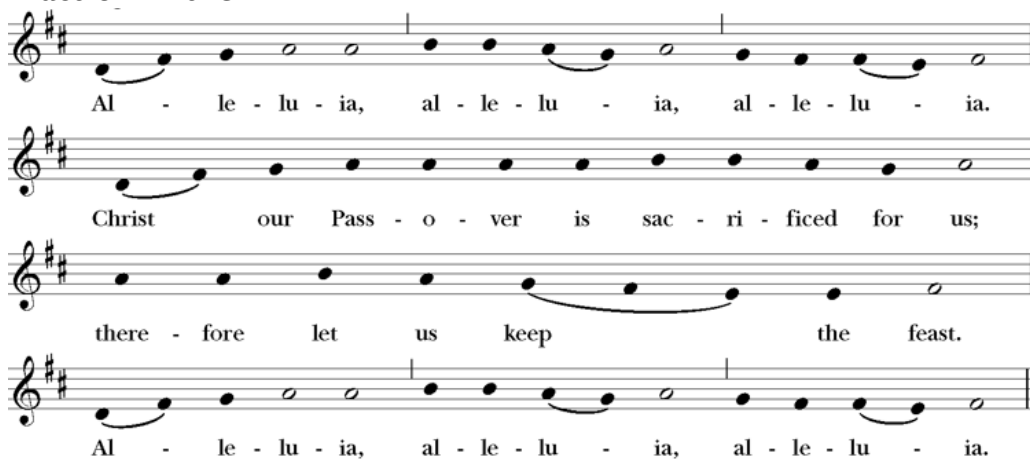
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem



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

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Come to the altar platform along the **middle aisle** of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by **the central or outer aisle**.*

Communion Music

“Christ lag in Todesbanden”
H 185

J. L. Krebs

Communion Meditation

What a tremendous relief it should be, and has been to many, to discover that we don't need to prove ourselves to God. We don't have to do anything at all to be acceptable to God. That is what Jesus came to say, and for that, he got killed. He came to say, "You don't have to earn God's love. You exist because God loves you already. You are a child of divine love."

God is the good shepherd who goes out looking for the lost sheep. We are misled by the religious pictures which depict Jesus as the good shepherd carrying a cuddly white lamb on his shoulder. A lamb will hardly stray from its mother. It is the troublesome, obstreperous sheep which is likely to go astray, going through the fence, having its wool torn and probably ending up in a ditch of dirty water. It is this dirty, smelly, riotous creature Christ goes after, leaving the good, well-behaved ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness, and when he finds it, he carries it on his shoulders and calls his friends to celebrate ... to celebrate with food and drink.
~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *Hope and Suffering*, 1984

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

You have ...

BCP 365

Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, [+] the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn “Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing” *Hymnal 1982* 334

The Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
Thanks be to God, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

Postlude

“Erschienen is der herrliche Tag” Dietrich Buxtehude
H 201

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly E-news*, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Pat Chen; Acolytes: Rodney Blackburn and David Pierce; Lector: Holly Joseph; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Len Johnson, Linda Johnson, and Ciara Aylsworth; Altar Guild: Liz Heath, Brianne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, and Evelyn Tomter; Coffee Hour Host: Sue Beer.

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