

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021 ✖ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant & Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	“Prelude on an Irish tune”	C. V. Stanford
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Choral Introit The English Gradual

The loving kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world: alleluia:
By the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation Page 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis Page 356

**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***

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their 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.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Chant: Walford E. Davies

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.

The Second Lesson

I 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.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Choral Alleluia

The English Gradual

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. Alleluia. The good shepherd has risen: who hath given his life for his sheep. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

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

"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."

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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 III

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Father, 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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for **Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim**, our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and 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.

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann,**

Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, Ursula, Velda, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Little Lamb”

Brench Boden

Little Lamb, who made thee, dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o’er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb, who made thee, dost thou know who made thee?
Little Lamb, I’ll tell thee, Little Lamb, I’ll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and He is mild, He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee. Little Lamb, God bless thee.

Text: Songs of Innocence, William Blake (1757-1827)

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.**

Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Luke and 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 for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Anthem

“Gott is mein Hirt”

Franz Schubert

Text: Psalm 23

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Dismissal
People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude in C”

Henry Smart

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell Open House for Mother Allison

The open house will take place at Owl Creek Country Club, **TODAY, April 25th, 2 PM til 4 PM.** Owl Creek Country Club, 12400 Osage Rd., Anchorage, KY. Hors-d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available. Mask required.

Diaper Drive

The Daughters of the King is having their annual Diaper Drive for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM) now through May 10th. They need disposable diapers in sizes 4 and 5. EACM has a supply of wipes. Please leave on the back porch of the Lyman House (the office) in the EACM-marked container or near it, if full. Thank you!

Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of *The Path*, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement. This is a lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith from Genesis to Revelation, and is intended for all levels of experience! The Zoom link is published to our email list each week, so please contact Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org to be added to our email list. It's never too late to join this rich Christian formation opportunity!

Thursday Night Bible Study Continues!

Please join this faithful group on Thursday nights at 6:45pm on Zoom to discuss scripture, share stories, and pray together. We are using *The Path* to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. Find the link in our weekly Zoom Newsletter!

Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030**
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **May 4 & 18 from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89768653053>

Meeting ID: 897 6865 3053

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LAY PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral care is a ministry provided by volunteer parishioners to individuals needing home, hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation facility visitations. Arrangements can be made for communion and meals as requested. All information is confidential unless you give permission to share with others.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS.

Reminder, if you do go to the hospital, let the hospital know your church affiliation or try to have your caregiver do so. Our ministry is here for you in time of need so remember to call the church office at 245-8827 or e-mail at admin@stlukesanchorage.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Rice Brown in loving memory of his brother, Ron Lee Brown.

In our prayers ... for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Dawn, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Helen, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, Ursula, Velda, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.** We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

**May 2:
Fifth Easter**

**Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30;
I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.**