

St. James' Episcopal Church  
Hyde Park, New York



**Holy Eucharist**  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. James' Church!  
Happy Easter!

## **A few notes about today's service**

Most hymns are in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in your pew. Hymns marked "LEVAS" refer to the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, the book with a multi-colored cover and red binding.

Please join the congregation by saying  
the responses marked in **bold font**.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Judith Gausepohl by Steven and Susan Gausepohl.

## The Word of God

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN #492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

*Please stand.*

EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

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.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (PASCHA NOSTRUM)

*Said in unison, standing as you are able.*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

*Continued*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a human being came death, \*  
by a human being has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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 LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.*

The Holy One is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

You make me lie down in green pastures \*

**and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul \*

**and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your  
Name.**

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.**

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.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

*Lector* A Reading from the first letter of St. John.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #178 VERSES 1-2      Jesus is Lord over all the earth

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Deacon* 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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

*Continued*

**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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon leads prayers for the Church, our nation, the world, our local community, all who suffer or are in trouble, and for the departed.*

*Please stand as you are able for the Prayers.*

#### THE PEACE

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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn.*

DOXOLOGY HYMN #380, VERSE 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 372*

SURSUM CORDA #S-120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

*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 our 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...

*Continued*

...Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS #S-129

Powell

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...

...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...

...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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer p. 364*

*Celebrant*

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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

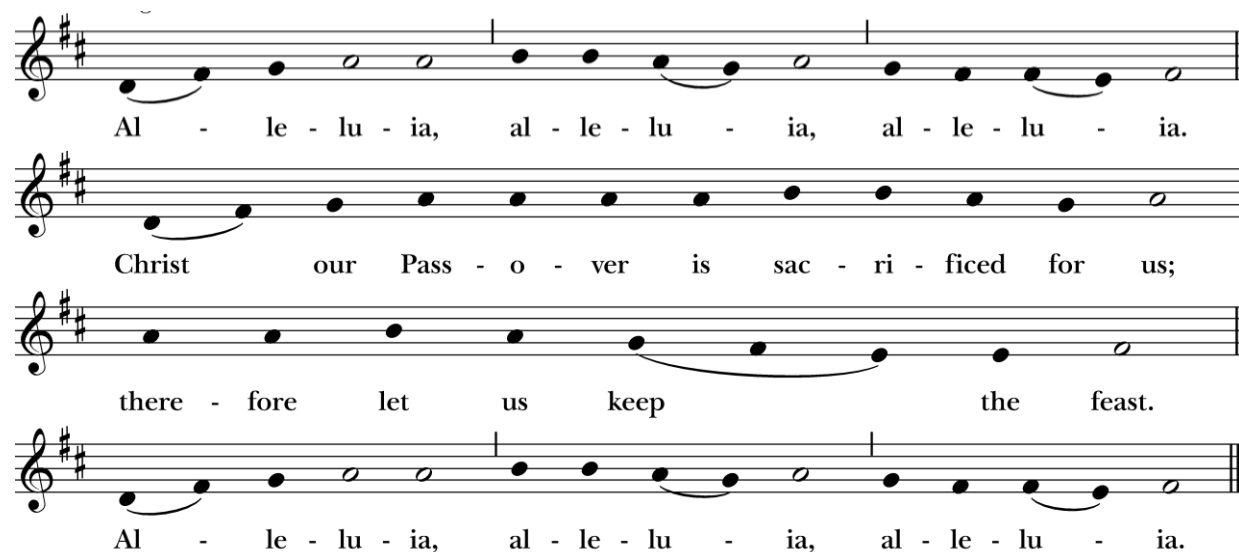
## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then follows*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM #S-154

Hurd



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.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Adapted from the Iona Community's *Iona Abbey Worship Book*,  
(Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.

*About Receiving Communion*

**Wherever you are in your journey with God, you are welcome to receive Communion.** If you are in person and wish to receive, simply come forward to the altar rail, where you may either stand or kneel, holding forward an open palm. The priest will place the communion wafer in your hand. **Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask.** Then, the deacon will bring to you the common cup of wine. You may either drink from the cup, or you may let the deacon take the wafer from your open palm, dip the wafer into the wine, then place the wafer on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest instead of communion, you may also come forward to the altar rail and hold your crossed arms over your chest.

*A Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

Especially if you are worshiping via livestream, you are invited to pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*Most holy Jesus, in you we are made one body and one spirit; may all that is in you flow into me this day, that I may grow more fully into your stature, bound to you in love within the communion of all the saints, and may this spiritual communion grant to me, in my earthly pilgrimage, a means of grace and a hope of glory; for your tender mercy's sake. Amen.*

*As Communion is distributed, we sing:*

COMMUNION HYMN #645

The King of love my shepherd is

COMMUNION HYMN #343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* 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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing



THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall  
immediately following the service.*



## Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson  
*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback  
*Deacon*

Dan Conroy  
*Guest Musician*

Dinor Dhanabala  
Wilma Tully  
*Readers*

Russell Urban-Mead  
*Acolyte*

Georgia Verven, Karen Gasparini  
*Altar Guild*

Eric Zavadil, Hope Jennings  
*Coffee Hour Hosts*

Patty Drake, Austin Horne  
*Pledge Clerks*

Kasey Gaulin  
*Livestream Production*



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