

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Processional

[H] 664

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

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."

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; *
I shall not / want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green / pastures *
he leadeth me beside still / waters.
- 3 He restoreth my / soul *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's / sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine / enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth / over.
- 6 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 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.

Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

Gradual Hymn

[H] 645, stanzas 1-3

The Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

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.”

Sermon Hymn

[H] 645, stanzas 4-6

Offertory Anthem

“Where True Charity and Love Dwell”

Where true charity and love dwell,
God himself is there.

1. Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
Let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
As we hear and love our Lord, the living God,
so let us in sincerity love all people.
Where true charity and love dwell,
God himself is there.

2. As we are all of one body,
when we gather let no discord or enmity break our oneness.
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.
Where true charity and love dwell,
God himself is there.

3. Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace
to see your exalted glory, oh Christ our God,
our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
forever and forevermore, world without end.
Where true charity and love dwell,
God himself is there.

Music: plainsong, Mode 6; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950). Words: Latin; tr. Joyce McDonald Glover (b. 1923).

Communion Hymns

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Processional

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Episcopalians 101 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II
Monday, April 22	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, April 23	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 24	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Thursday, April 25	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 5:30 Grief Support Group
Friday, April 26	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer
Sunday, April 28	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Episcopalians 101 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lawn Care

We started the job in the fall, and now we need your help so we can finish! One of our big projects in the past year is getting our beautiful shrubs and landscaping back into order. We had a fabulous landscaping company come and get started last fall. In order to finish this project, which will add the clearing of both fence lines as well as Campbell and Trinity Gardens, we need to raise another \$2600. It's a lot of money and a lot of work but together we can make these grounds shine. If you can help please drop a check in the offering and mark it "lawn care".

Episcopalians 101

This class meets Sundays at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. Today we'll talk Baptism and Confirmation. Why do we baptize babies instead of adults? And what does God do at our Confirmation? And, next Sunday we'll discuss the remaining sacramental rites. Why get married by a priest instead of a judge? And is burial a sacrament? Come join us!

Grief Support Group

Carnell Wilkins, a counselor with Cherokee County Mental Health, will be leading a grief support group in our parish hall. The group meets at 5:30 on Thursdays and is open to anyone experiencing grief. To learn more or register for the group, talk to Jenny+ today.

Spring Concert at Limestone

You are invited to the spring concert of the Limestone University and Community Chorus today, April 21st at 3:00 p.m. in Fullerton Auditorium. The theme is *Voices Rising* and admission is free. Under the direction of Dr. Gena Poovey, the program is full of songs about music and singing. Some beloved favorites include *It's a Grand night for Singing*, *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*, *I Write the Songs*, and *I Sing Because I'm Happy* (His Eye is on the Sparrow). Accompanying instruments include piano, trumpet, soprano saxophone, violin, and drum set.

Cinco de Mayo

We'll celebrate in Jenny and Miles' back yard on Sunday, May 5, right after the 10:30 service. We'll enjoy a (hopefully) beautiful spring day with delicious food and fun lawn games. We'll play cornhole and whatever else you can bring. And we'll have all kinds of delicious tacos and snacks - sign up if you'd like to bring something. Plan to bring lawn chairs and whatever you and your family would like to drink (adult or otherwise). Let's celebrate

together!

Episcopalians 201

Our final session for this school year will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00. We'll discuss Baptism and Confirmation – what we do, what God does, and why we participate in both.

Spring Cleaning

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11 at 9am for our annual spring clean-up day! We will be working indoors to organize closets, tidy up the Sunday school rooms, and make the kitchen sparkle. Join us!

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Donations

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	April 21 4 th Easter 10:30	April 28 5 th Easter 10:30
Altar Guild	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Becky Vassy Cathy Roberts Nancy Fowler
Coffee Hour	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Greeters	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann	Ben, Cora, and Asher Torres
Digital Greeter	Cora Torres	Lainey McAllister
Camera	Ellie Bird	Don Bird
Nursery	Cathy Roberts	Becky Zinko
Euch. Min.	David Cornmesser	Niccie Dearing
Acolyte	Cora Torres	Angharad Torres
1 st Lector	Ellie Bird	Scott Glidden
2 nd Lector	Noah Lindemann	John Gelok
Intercessor	Gena Poovey	Ben Torres
Flowers	Available	Available
Counters	David Cornmesser Ben Torres	John Gelok Cynthia Glidden
Pews	Asher Torres	Amanda McAllister