

ST. STEPHEN'S

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020

Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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The Word of God

One

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum



Christ our Passover has been sacri-ficed 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!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has do-min-ion 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 man came death, *
by a man 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

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One 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.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Said Together*

Psalm 23

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 Gospel *Standing* John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Response The Rev. Drew Downs

Prayers of the People

One Gathered in the care of the good shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us pray to God who knows our every need.

One For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For this holy assembly and for all who gather in faith, hope, and love.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For Jennifer our bishop and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the The Anglican Communion in Japan, The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu. We pray also for St. Philips, Indianapolis, the Rev. Michelle Roos; and the dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan. Our parish neighbors—Centenary United Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian Church, United Campus Ministries, Second Christian Church and all illumined by the light of Christ.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering, the strayed and the lost. We pray especially for those suffering directly from the COVID-19 pandemic and all those emotionally and physically displaced by it. We pray also for those who have asked our prayers—Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John

Bonner,

Lane Clark, Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden, Janice Itamura.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For those who walk in death's dark valley.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

We remember especially those celebrating birthdays, including Joanna Benskin and Sally Newlin.

Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, including Carol Hutz, Jessica Wayton, and Kurt Wayton and confirmation anniversaries, including Joyce Brosey, Chip Chillington, Martha Hafner, David Nearpass And we pray for our postulant, Joanna Benskin.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

One Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stephen and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All **To you, O Lord.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who soothes our head with oil and fills our cup with wine. Hear the prayers we offer for every need, and revive us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

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- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name;
- 2 in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
- 3 He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
- 4 and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
- 5 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
- 6 one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
- 7 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
- 8 my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

9 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
10 oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
11 There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
12 no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Spiritual Communion

One Let us pray as one:

All **In union, O Lord, with the faithful across the Church who cannot gather around the altar at this time, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I implore you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate us. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

One As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

One Lord of the Feast,

All **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his 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.

Dismissal

One Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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