The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist April 21, 2024, 10:30AM

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

Prelude: "Land of Rest" by Charles Callahan

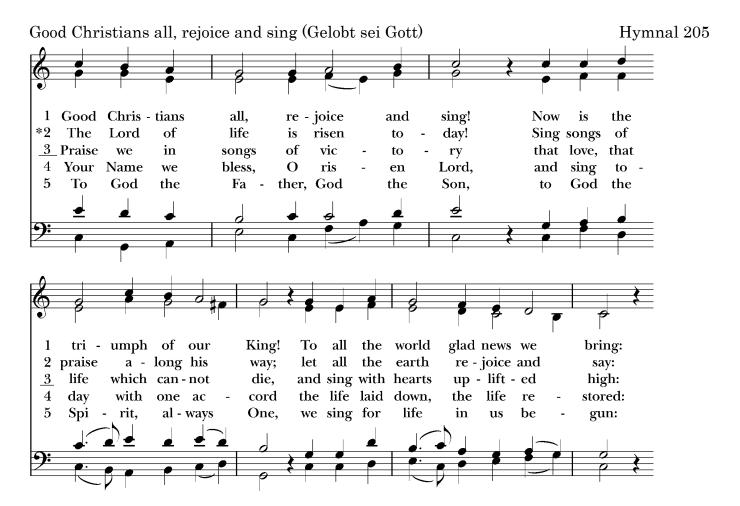
Greg Schreiner, Organ

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

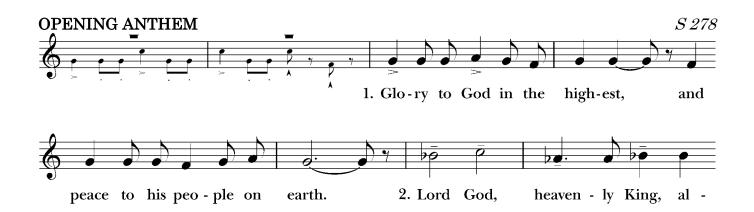
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

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.*









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*.

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 23 (sung to Tone VIII.1 and congregation may join when comfortable)



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
 I / shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me be/side still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways / for his Name's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall / fear no evil; *
- 4b 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. [Ant.]

SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of 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.

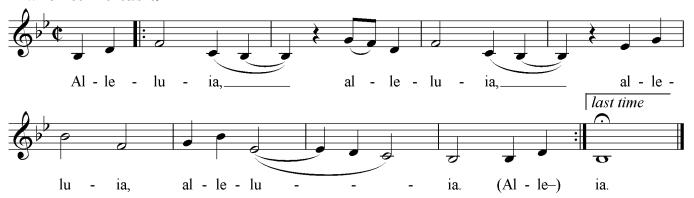
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People Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(all stand – "Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton, sung by the choir, Congregation join in when comfortable)



GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Priest 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Katie Cadigan

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed)

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.

Tender Shepherd,

call us each by name and lead us home.

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations.

Tender Shepherd,

lead us all in the ways of justice and peace.

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

Tender Shepherd,

comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.

Tender Shepherd,

hold them close to your heart forever.

In observance of Earth Day we will now take a moment of silence to pray for the care of God's creation.

(after the silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(the Priest stands and says)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



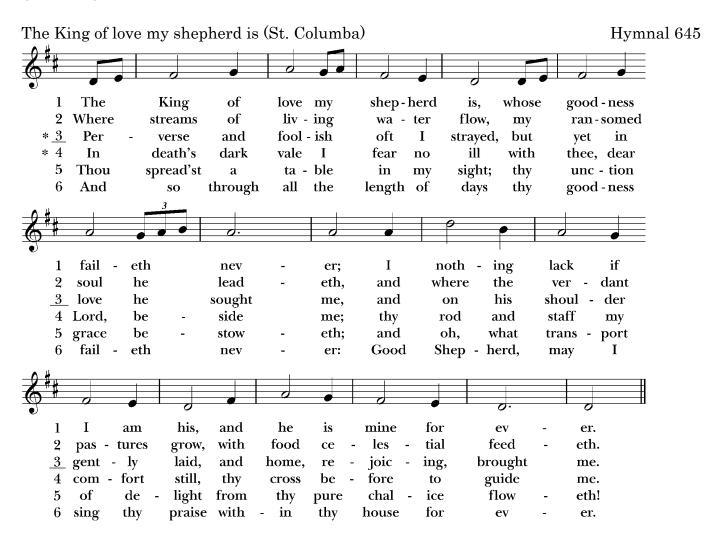
Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using the QR Code

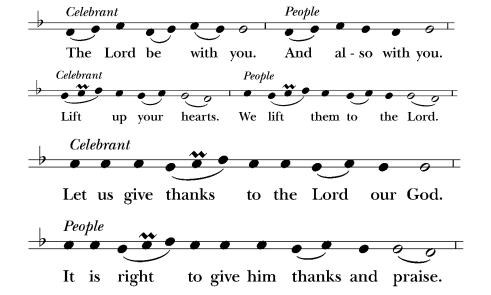
OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Easter Anthem" by Billings

(the people stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN



The Great Thanksgiving

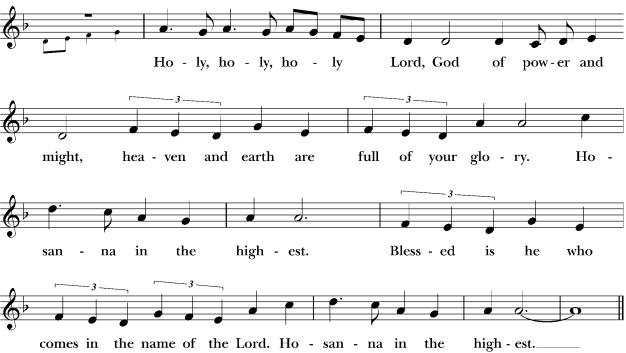


(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



(the Celebrant continues)

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(the Celebrant continues)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

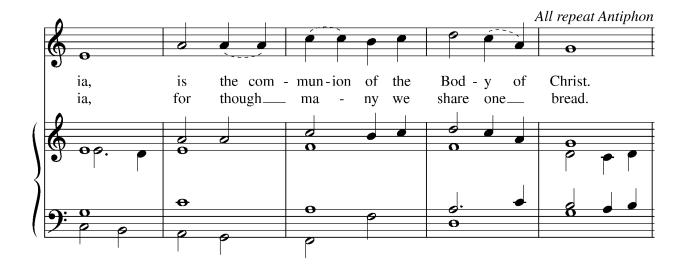
Celebrant and People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread





INVITATION

(the Celebrant says)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

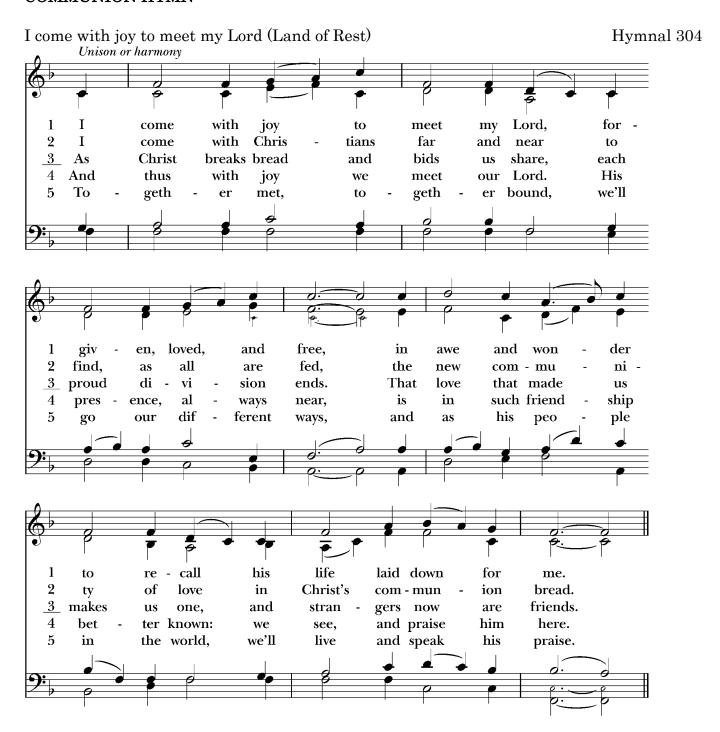
In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM – "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah* sung by Jessica Berns-Garner

(please stand)

COMMUNION HYMN



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

(the Celebrant blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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





DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude – Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners" by Gordon Young Greg Schreiner, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Forums: Stories from Acts Continues through May 12, 9:20 - 10:10am

What happened after Jesus' death and resurrection? How did the apostles spread the Good News? What challenges did they face? Join clergy between services to explore some of the key stories from the Book of Acts. Meets in Sts. Francis & Clare.

Ring out For Earth Commemorating Earth Day Pray/Meditate at 7:08pm on Monday Apr 22

The Bishop's Commission on Climate Change invites us all to observe Earth Day and the urgent need for care of God's creation as the global atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentration has reached <u>425 parts per million</u>, a level unprecedented in all human history. In worship today we'll have a moment of silence for the Earth. And on Monday (Earth Day) we invite everyone to pray/meditate for <u>425 seconds</u> (7 minutes, 8 seconds) at 7:08pm. Resources for prayer and meditation on our website.

Online Class - Episcopal Beliefs and Practices Continues Tues April 23, 30, & May 9, 7pm - 8:30pm

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or want a deeper understanding the church, our class on the Anglican/Episcopal tradition continues. If you missed the first sessions you are welcome to join. Anyone interested in baptism, confirmation, reception into the church, or sponsoring a baptismal candidate is encouraged to attend. **4/23 Topic: Basic Beliefs.** Zoom link - https://us02web.zoom.us

Home-y Made Meals - Cook Night Fri Apr 26, 6:30pm

Join friends at St. A's to make dozens of delicious meals to be given out by Home-y Made Meals to people without housing. Meet in the Pierson Hall kitchen. Any questions, email Ariana Stultz at arianahmm93@gamil.com

Wildflower Walk Saturday April 27, 8:30am – 12p

Join wildflower enthusiast Martha Goode and Rev. Katie for a gentle hike to discover local blooms. To sign up, email Carrie Price (carrie@saint-augustine.org) and she will send the site information and directions by Friday April 26.

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