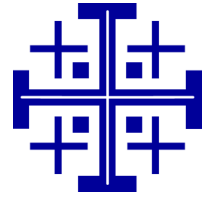




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Andante

Peter Benoit

Opening Hymn 184: "Christ the Lord is risen again"

Christ ist erstanden

1 Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia!

2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away
that with angels we may say:
Alleluia! *Refrain*

Refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed.
Alleluia!

3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save,
wresting victory from the grave.
Alleluia! *Refrain*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

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***

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Gloria (S280, found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Powell

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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 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

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 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 Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene 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,
who with the Father and the Son 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

After the words “Lord, hear the prayers of our hearts,”
the congregation responds with “*And grant us Your peace.*”

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Clergy: 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.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo Hymn: "God is my Shepherd"

Antonín Dvořák

Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. And though in death's dark valley
My rest is in the pleasant meadows, My steps must wander,
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My spirit shall not fear,
My fainting soul doth He restore, For Thou art by me still;
And guideth me in the ways of peace Thy rod and staff are with me,
To glorify His Name. And they shall comfort me.

Blessing of the Offering

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

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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.***

The Celebrant proceeds

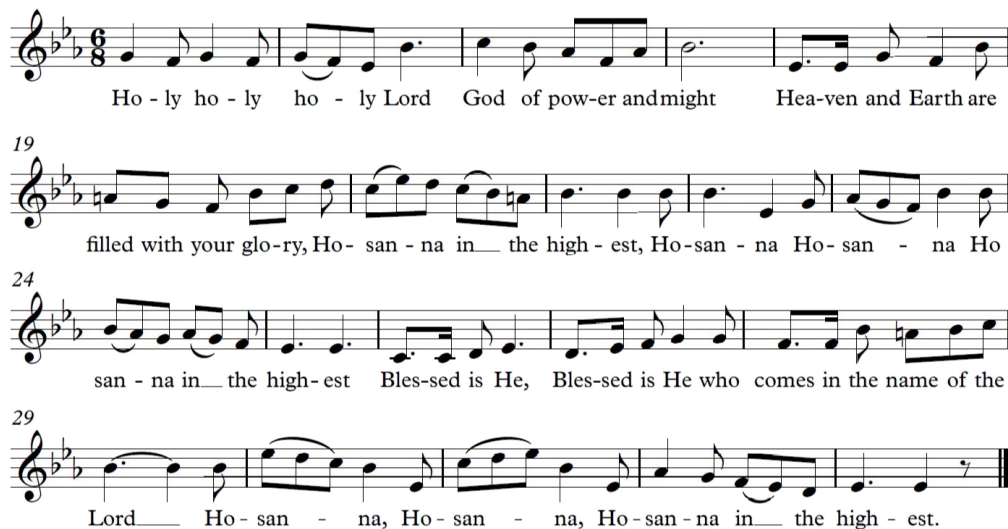
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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 (say),

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are
filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho
san - na in the high - est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na in the high - est.

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. [Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.] [Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.] [Remember .] [Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with) 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 ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant:

***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 THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei (from *A Mass for Immanuel*)

Jane Tavernier

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Let us now pray with those joining us from home:

People: *Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
Though we cannot now consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins,
and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love,
be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the risen Lord.
Amen.*

Music during Communion

Hymn 645 "The King of love my shepherd is" (from *The Hymnal 1982*)

St. Columba

Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

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| 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever. | 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth. | 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever. |

Post Communion Prayer

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

Closing Hymn 208 “The strife is o’er, the battle done” verses 1,4,and 5

Victory

- Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!
- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude:

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Readers: Candy Levin, Harrison Clark

Intercessor: Rosi Urbine

Musicians: Felicity Amos, Dr. Jane Tavernier;

Audio-Visual: John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley;

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander