ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023 10:45 A.M.

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.

Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.

For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.

A book to write your prayer requests in is located on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.

Please pick up an instrument from the Narthex as you enter the Church

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate you joining us in the worship of the risen Lord during these fifty days of Easter.

The Paschal feast is the grand baptismal celebration of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter is our living out of our baptism in mission, living as the joyful body of Christ in the world. Resurrection is not a past event. Easter is now, present tense. Christ is risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to the human heart. Easter's challenge is to look at renewal in our midst to look at ourselves, the baptized, all of us marked by the redeeming cross of Christ.

This joy calls us beyond our fears and confusion into the light of day. There is a growing awareness that we are called out of comfort zones to claim and proclaim the power of the resurrection. We are offered a vision of the power of God's abundant, steadfast, and irrepressible love. We see a God who is truly the beginning and the end, calling us to live in love and unity with each other in a world made radically new by the resurrection of Jesus. Death is defeated, we can live lives of new possibilities, fashion a world of peace and hope, and cherish each other as the gift we are.

During these seven weeks of celebrating the reality of the Risen One in our midst, we do so by experiencing in unbridled joy the mystery and wonder of the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

You will notice the attention given to what we do in our corporate worship during this time of the Church year. It is a time when we "pull out the stops" and "put on our best." The proclamation of the word is done in the power of the Spirit. Our music has an uplifting tone that seeks to send the soul soaring. And, the church is infused with the fragrance of flowers, vivid colors, and regal splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have <u>any</u> questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,
Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: "Water Song: A Hebraic Melody"

Callen Clarke

Welcome & Announcements

See insert

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

At the tolling of the bell, please stand, face the entrance and play your instruments until the gong sounds.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

During the singing of the Gathering Songs, the congregation is sprinkled with flowers as a sign and symbol of forgiveness, renewal and resurrection.

Gathering Song: "Celebration Medley" S. Chard

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated. Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.

Children's Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Psalmody: Psalm 23 "Adonai Roi" Callen Clarke

The Psalm will be read in Hebrew and English, followed by a musical composition inspired by the Psalm.

Lector A Reading from 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.
- 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Good Shepherd, We Are Not Alone"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette









Please remain standing. **Holy Gospel:** John 10:1-10

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People 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."

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

During the singing of the Gospel Response, we will follow the ancient Jewish tradition. The Word will be processed throughout the congregation. Everyone is invited to honor the Word with either a kiss, touch, or a bow.

Gospel Response: "Zimbabwe Alleluia"

D. Maraire, arr. P. Matsikenyiri



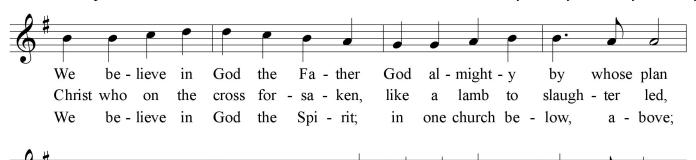
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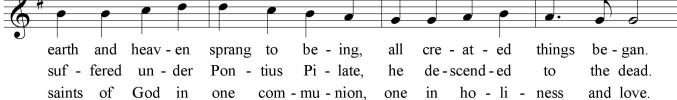
Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

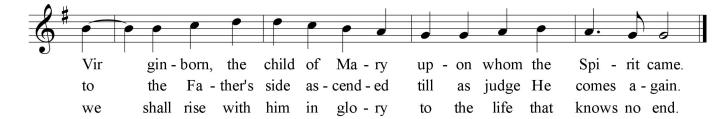


Creed: "The Apostles' Creed"









Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for the people of the earth upon whom the light of Christ shines with grace and

mercy.

Intercessor Let us pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons who minister in Christ's name.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the church throughout the world.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, for those in danger and need: the

sick and the suffering, travelers and prisoners, the hungry and the oppressed. Let us prayerfully

remember those in the military, at home and abroad., and their families.

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Martha C., Cynthia Briscoe, Pat Holladay, Clarence C., Jihan El Din, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Francisco Ramos Hernandez, Clarissa Blackburn, Thomas Cowley, Dee, Kathy Close, James Henry, Maxine Grayson, Will Havins, Sandy Crockett, the protection of imprisoned J6 Citizens, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.*

For those in the military: Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks, O Lord, and rejoice with those celebrating birthdays including: Sarah Kelley, Kathy Matthews, Marian Everson, Mackenzie Flick, Chris O'Leary, Jack Ervin, Ashley Parrish, Teri Branson, Jerry Crytzer, Kimberly Anthony, and those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Agnes & Zachary Opara, Claudia & Victor Rios-Estrada, Sherry & Jerry Crytzer

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us remember all who have died, especially Silvia Hernandez

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We ask these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable.

Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

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

During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.

Thank You.

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Offering in Song: "Follow Jesus"

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow!"

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be
low; O praise Him! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the

Son! and praise the Spir-it: Three in One! O praise Him, O

Al-le - lu -

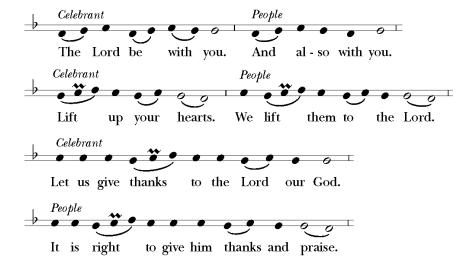
ia!

Al - le - lu

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

praise Him,



Al - le - lu - ia!

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 lif

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





Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

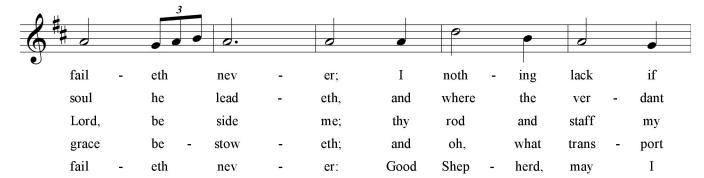
Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

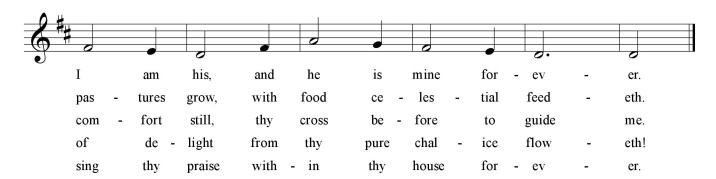
If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Text: Henry Williams Baker Tune: St. Columbia







Communion Hymn: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Issac Watts, Resignation





+ THE SENDING RITE +

Post-Communion Prayer

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of

his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make

you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the

Redeemer, bring you eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary: "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Henry Purcell

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another

year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all

the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday April 30, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Mon **Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Eucharistic Ministers: Cal Jones, Judy Moon, Claudia Rios-Estrada

Lector and Intercessor: Bob Vanek

Acolytes: Eric Rios-Estrada, Celeste Gudino, and Sergio Martinez **Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

Organist: John Potter

Guest Musicians: Trio of Biblical Instruments—The Callen Clarke Trio

Randy Polk, Trumpet

Oblation Bearers: Patsy Hollingsworth and Jan Pope Greeters: Janet Mills, Maridale and Lola Vanek Altar Guild: Gil Haas and Jan Pope

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The date of Easter in the western church is determined by the Paschal full moon between March 22nd and April 25th (first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox). The Orthodox Church celebrates Easter on the first Sunday after the Jewish Passover (which follows the spring full moon). Although the two dates sometimes coincide, the eastern date is often a few weeks later. In the early Church, the two principal methods of computation were those of Alexandria (owing to its astronomical resources) and Rome. The Council of Nicea (325 A.D.) fixed Easter always after the vernal equinox. In the 4th and 5th centuries, controversies arose between the Roman and Alexandrine methods of computation. St. Ambrose observed that in 387 A.D., Easter was observed in Gaul on March 21st, in Italy on April 18th, and at Alexandra on April 25th. In 525 A.D., the Alexandrian calculations were adopted by Rome. In our Anglican beginnings, the British Isles maintained their own computation. As late as 651 A.D., Queen Eanfleda, who followed the Roman rule, was keeping Palm Sunday on the same day that her husband, Oswy, King of Northumbria, was celebrating Easter. The Roman calculation was eventually accepted by the Synod of Whitby (664 A.D.).

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M Father Joseph Alsay, Rector Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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