

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Sunday
& Earth Day

11:00 A.M. SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found following page 8.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory be to God

M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 READING (Please be seated.)

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 the authorities 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.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd (vs. 1 before; vs. 2 after)*

M-4

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand as you are able.*)

John 10:11-18

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary Sulerud

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand.)

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

Let us give thanks to God our Good Shepherd for all the gifts freely bestowed upon us.

For the marvelous grace of your creation

For sun, moon and stars,

For rain, dew and winds,

For winter cold and summer heat,

For mountains and hills,

For springs and valleys,

For rivers and seas.

We thank you Lord.

For the many and wonderful works you have made

For plants growing in earth and water,

For life inhabiting lakes and seas,

For life creeping in soils and land,

For creatures living in wetlands and waters,

For life-flying above earth and sea,

For beast dwelling in woods and fields.

We thank you Lord.

For the handiwork that displays your glory

For this earth our home,

For the world in which we live the life of your kingdom,

For your kingdom that is now in our midst and coming into being.

We thank you Lord.

Mindful of the ways we have hurt your good earth and its marvelous gifts let us confess

That we have polluted your waters,

That we have destroyed your woodlands

That we have poisoned your air and land

That we have destroyed species of your creatures.

Forgive us Lord.

Desiring that our actions toward you, O God, and your creation be worthy of our repentance

We promise to be stewards of the creation you have entrusted to us,

We promise to live in harmony with creation

We promise to love all your creatures.

May we your servants, increasingly come to love your creation, as increasingly we love you, O God.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

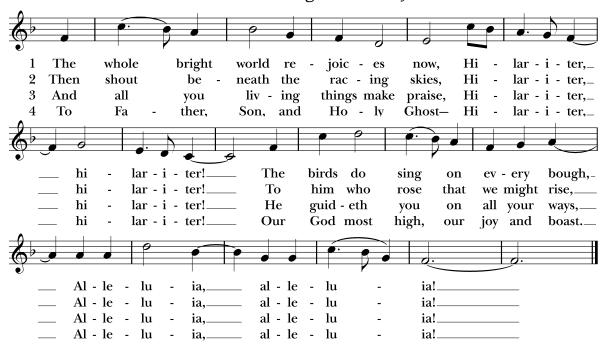
OFFERTORY ANTHEM Thine is the Glory

Handel

St. John's Choir & Instrumental Ensemble

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth: Death hath lost its sting. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 (from Enriching Our Worship)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

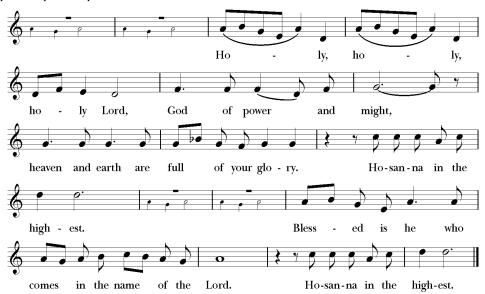
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy

Mathias



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

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

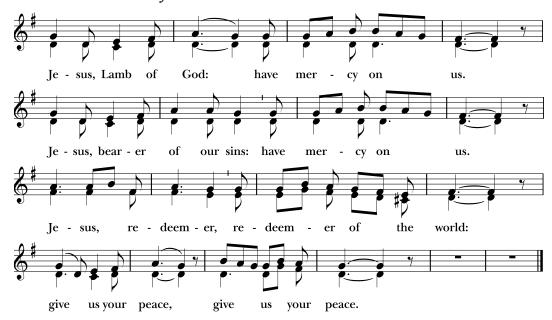
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)





The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

Willan

St. John's Choir

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear upon the earth.

The time of singing of birds is come.

Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

COMMUNION HYMNS This is the Hour I Come with Joy

M-5 M-6

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

During the closing hymn, the congregation will process outside for the blessing of the beautiful creation that is the St. John's campus.

CLOSING HYMN Shepherd of Souls

M-7

BLESSING THE TREES

We thank you God for the forests of the world, for the trees of the urban and suburban canopy, for the trees of our national, state, and local parks, trees planted for harvest to house us, for trees whose fruit and seeds feed us. Bless these trees planted to restore this land on which St. John's offers ministry to all. May they grow and thrive becoming homes to the wild animals, and shade and solace to God's people with whom we share this space. May these trees always be a sign of your presence over all. **Amen.**

BLESSING THE GARDENS

Gracious God, you gave our first parents Adam and Eve the gift of tending a garden. Every garden on earth is a small mirror of the first garden of Eden. Make the earth of these gardens rich and fertile. May all that grows in the gardens be a source of beauty and delight, joy, and wonder. May these gardens be the way we minister to the earth as your creation. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE CONSERVATION GARDEN

Spirit of God you show us in ways great and small that we can restore this earth, and when we do we give new life to your creatures and to all that live with us. Bless this garden and all that grows here. Fill it with the signs that show that we are living in harmony with you the Maker of all. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the beauty of the Creator inspire us, the grace of the Good Shepherd nurture us, and the unity of the Breath of Life enfold us all.

May it be so. Amen.

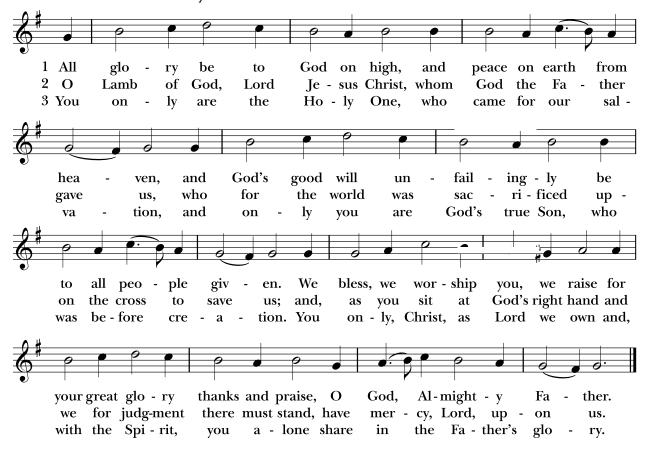
DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



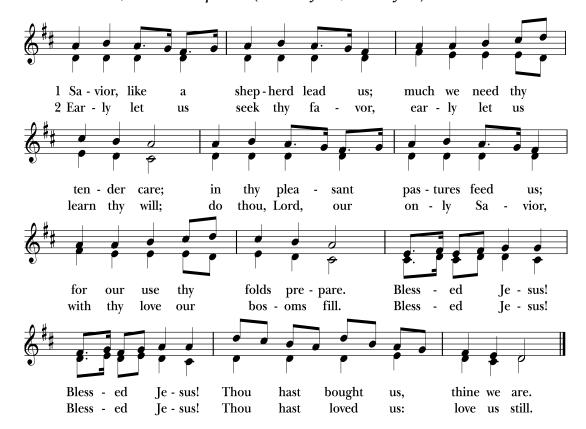




M-3 PSALM HYMN King of Love

St. Columba



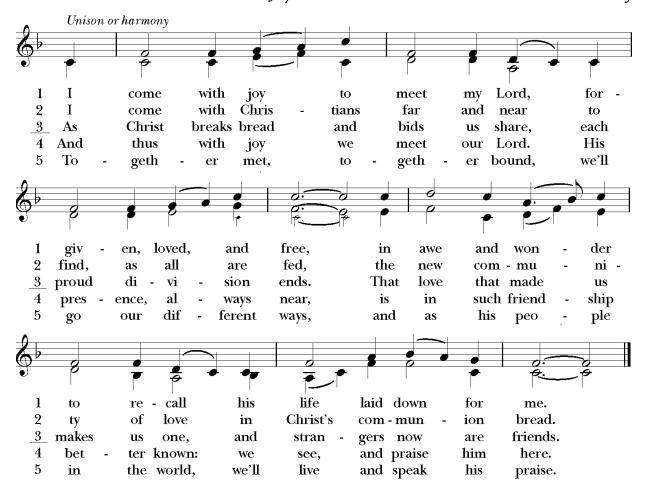


COMMUNION HYMN I This is the Hour

Morestead

(If you are interested in seeing the music for this hymn, it is #317 in the Hymnal 1982.)

- 1. This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- 2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
- 3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.



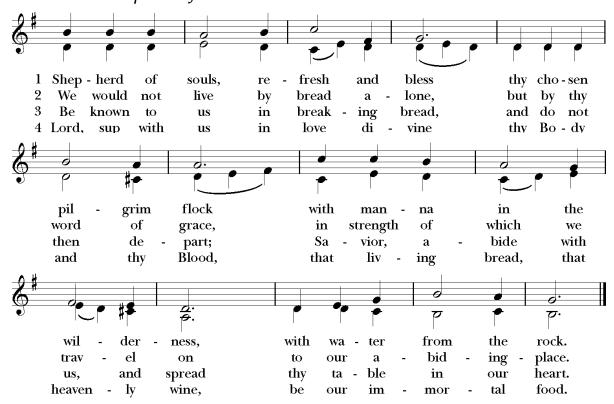
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deb Avant, Jacyn Baker, Evelyn Bloom, Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Charlie Bryant, Amber Dawn Butler, Andrew Butler, Alyson Conover, The DelSesto Family, Dolores, Dominic, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Nancy Frazee, Diana Frizzell, Hope Goebel, Marti Guillet, Liz Habert, Riley Hagan, Shawnnee Holmberg, Joanne, Jennifer Knox, Chrissie LaChance, Casey Libertini, Glenda Lovchik, George Maestri, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Mike Miller, Sarah Nelson & Roland Russoli, Famebridge Payne, Jean Purcell, Ricky Reeves, Ruby Reilly, Patricia Schlick, Wallace Stebbins, Alicia Townsend, Eleanor Tyler, Dylan Williams, and Mickey Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Dan Hanke

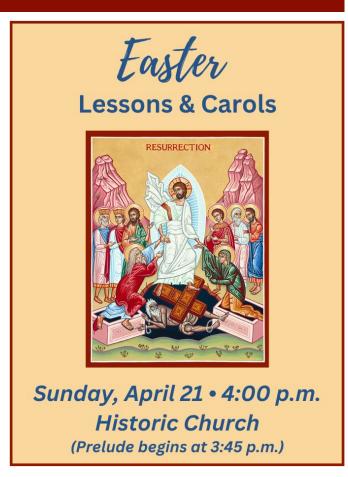
THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR are given by Ann Corbett in memory of her husband, Russ Corbett.

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.



TODAY!









April 28, 10:10 a.m., Aud.

Join in Social Justice's
"Unbook Club" where we
will discuss what anyone has
read, watched, attended, or
participated in relevant to the
theme of social justice. Share
if you want or just listen!





TREE CARE WORKSHOP

Sat., May 4th • 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Under the tent

This workshop will cover tree selection, planting, and watering with a special focus on tree pruning.



Please RSVP to CreationCare@stjohnsec.org



SEEDS OF CHANGE



World Labyrinth Day

"Walking as One at 1"

Sat., May 4th 1:00 p.m.

St. John's Labyrinth

SUN., MAY 5TH All Saints Hall



COMBINED SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

> ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 AM

All are invited to celebrate this past year and our annual awards winners.

Voting-eligible members will elect new Vestry members, Lay Delegates to the 2024 Diocesan Convention, and vote on amended By-Laws. Additional nominees may be submitted until April 21, 2024 to VestryNominations@stjohnsec.org.

* We will have a Sat. 5 PM service on 5/4/24.

2024 SENIOR RECOGNITION

Sunday May 5th
at 9:00a.m.

Seniors:
Please fill out the biography
form by April 25th



The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra Sun., May 5th • 4:00 p.m. Historic Church

Tickets: https:// hococo.org/events-tickets/





Need a venue for your next business or family event?

Have it here at St. John's.

Member discounts are available.

Contact Kathy Young, kyoung@stjohnsec.org

NexTrex Recycling Challenge Kicks Off Today!



The Kids Care Team from Rite-13 has placed the collection boxes!

If you missed the Adult Faith Forum today (or April's Monthly Message), St. John's Creation Care Ministry shared details about its new initiative: NexTrex Recycling Challenge. To learn more, view the information with the QR code below or at https://bit.ly/CC-NexTrex



UPCOMING Events



10:00 AM / ALL SAINTS HALL

One Worship

Join us as we worship together and conclude our program year.

June



6:00 PM / ALL SAINTS HALL

Bee Social

This fundraiser is an opportunity to "bee" social, engaged, and generous!

June



9:00 AM-1:00 PM / AUD & ASH

Rummage Sale

Clean out your closets! Mark your calendars to volunteer & shop!

June 14/15

Be sure to read "Blessings" every Friday to get the latest details on these and other events at St. John's

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Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church Sundays, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly, Contemporary Worship, All Saints Hall (11:00 a.m. is our Livestream Worship on YouTube — https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube) 주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 Resurrection 채플에서 드립니다.

Find more worship information at https://www.stjohnsec.org

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