



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Rev. Chris Roussell, Preaching
The Rev. Ben Cowgill, Presiding

Welcome to St. John's! Please see the back of the bulletin for visitor information and announcements.

VOLUNTARY Pastorale in F, BWV 590

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 205 (10:30 a.m.)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gelobt sei Gott

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 278 (10:30 a.m.)

**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.

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.**

The people sit.

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. (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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: Psalm 23 (8:00 a.m.)

- 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 GRADUAL: Psalm 23 (*the people sing the antiphon at 10:30 a.m.*)

My shep-herd is the Lord. My shep-herd is the Lord.

- 1 My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need,
- 2 giving me rest in green and pleasant fields,
- 3 reviving my soul by finding fresh water,
guiding my ways with a shepherd's care.
- 4 Though I should walk in death's dark valley
I fear no evil with you by my side,

ANTIPHON

your shepherd's staff to comfort me,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

ANTIPHON

- 5 You spread my table in sight of my foes,
anoint my head, my cup runs over;
6 You tend me with love always loyal.

I dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

ANTIPHON

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During the singing of "This little light of mine", the children (Grades K-3) gather at the baptismal font and follow the cross to the Chapel for children's worship, returning at the Peace. Our volunteers lead the children in an age-appropriate Bible story, age-appropriate worship, and return at the Peace. Children who are new or nervous are welcome to attend with a parent if desired!

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 645 (10:30 a.m)

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (10:11-18)

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 people sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Rousell, Rector

The people stand.

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.**

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 (FORM II)

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him, especially for those who are preparing for Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation, including: KK, Gregg, Kelsi, Taylor, Amy, Shannon, Lea, Susan, Janie, Sophie, Donald, Francisco, Norman, Tom, Larry, Spencer, Margaret, Will, Billy, Davis, Mary, Madeline, Reed, Oliver, Judah, and Helen Grace. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the departed, including Susan Thomas Duerson whose memory the flowers on the alter were given today. Pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for Holly, Jodi, Josie, Matthew, Shawn, Stella Rose, Mark Dalton, Gena Davidson, Donald Edward, Reva Fox, Frances Giles, Christopher Hamlett, Sandy Holt, Mimi Hopkins, Harold Johnson, Mack Johnson, Joyce Lloyd, Nancy McWane, Janice Martin, and Ken Terrell, as well as those we name silently or aloud at this time, *(pausing to allow for prayers to be offered aloud)*. *(Silence)*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *(Silence)*

Celebrant concludes

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated after exchanging the Peace with your neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep; nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

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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.**

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 say,

SANCTUS S 128 (10:30 a.m.)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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,

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

WLP 876 (10:30 a.m.)

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Please proceed by rows to the rail via the center aisle and then return to your seat by entering your row from side aisles. To receive the Body of Christ, cross one hand over the other, palm open and lifted, so the priest can place it in your palm. To receive the Blood of Christ, tip the base of the cup to assist in guiding the cup to your lips. If you would like to intinct, or dip the host into the consecrated wine, please hold your host up in front of you so that the appropriate chalice-bearer will offer you the intinction cup. To receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest as the bread passes you by. Gluten-free communion wafers are available as well. The people join in singing the communion hymn.

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) The King of love my shepherd is
Kris Blackthorn, soprano

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. 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. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace betoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! So through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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HYMN 343 (10:30 a.m.)

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

HYMN 377 (10:30 a.m.)

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

VOLUNTARY Concerto in G Major, BWV 542

Johann Ernst/arr. J. S. Bach

Allegro

Largo

Presto

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*The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Susan Thomas Duerson.*

STAFF

SERVING THIS WEEK

The Rev. Chris Roussell, *Rector*

8:00 a.m.

The Rev. Ben Cowgill, *Associate Rector for Formation*

Peggy Haas Howell, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Lalla Sydnor Johnson, *Director of Children, Youth, &
Family Ministries*

Nicole Cook, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Pam Reynolds, *Parish Administrator*

Amy Panzer, *Director of St. John's Day School*

Gracie Johnson & River Segel, *Sextons*

Monica Dirom Wiley, Cathy Dalton, *Readers*
Anna McWane, Larry Mays, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Monica Dirom Wiley, Paul McWane, *Usher*

10:30 a.m.

Adgie Dirom, Lisa Joyner, *Readers*
Marge Freeman, Nicolle Cundiff, *Eucharistic Ministers*
David Cundiff, John Watts, *Ushers*
James Forshey, *Acolyte*
Peter Trice, *AV Operator*

*Scan this QR code with your phone to leave your pledge gift or an offering this morning.
You may also use the offering plates as they are passed.*



Welcome to St. John's

Welcome to St. John's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, joining us online, or are a lifetime member we are glad you are present with us this Sunday. Everything you need to participate in this service can be found in this bulletin; or, you can use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page numbers and the Blue Hymnal (Hymn numbers) to follow along. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see one of our Ushers or Greeters.

As we continue to regather in larger numbers each Sunday, it may be helpful for everyone to know that we have designated the last five pews as "No Video" pews for those concerned about our video streaming ministry. Operators of the camera equipment will not be showing this area of the church under the choir balcony. Nor will they be showing individuals in those pews during Communion time. We want to respect everyone's right to privacy. Should the demand for this area increase, we will certainly expand it further as needed.

If you would like more information, a call or visit from one of our clergy, or to join our parish, please fill out a blue visitor card and give to an usher or a greeter. Our greeters and staff would love to connect with you after the service! If you have a prayer request, please fill out the white prayer request card and place it in an offertory plate or give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. Please also check out our website, www.stjohnslynchburg.org, to find out more. We would love to get to know you better!

Mark your Calendars

Monday, April 22

- 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. — Stewardship Meeting (Annex)

Tuesday, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. - George Bean Men's Group (Magill)

Wednesday, April 24

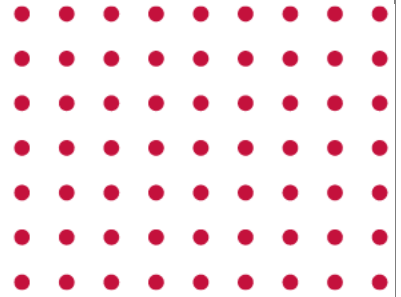
- 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Magill)
- 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, April 25

- 10:00 a.m. - Women's Study Group (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



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COMBINED SERVICE + *Confirmation*



April 28
9:45a

Combined Service, April 28, 9:45a

April 28th will be a combined service at 9:45a, our annual Bishop's Visit and will include Confirmations and a Baptism! Please join us in support of our youth and adults who are joining St. John's or re-affirming their faith.



Cantate
Children's and Youth Choir

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 5, 4:00p

St. John's Episcopal Church
205 Elmwood Ave. Lynchburg, VA 24503

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Fellowship Freezer Restocked

The Fellowship Freezer has new additions of Southwestern Chicken Casserole and Peppermint Ice Cream, as well as many favorites. Stop by and make your evening dinner quick and easy.

All proceeds from the Fellowship Freezer benefit St. John's Day School.



Bible Stories for Grown-Ups Sundays, 9:30a

Join us at Adult forum Sundays at 9:30a for our next series, Bible Stories for Grown-ups. In this series we will explore favorite children's Bible stories, their adult counterparts, and what the children's versions leave out. In addition to what stories we learn each week, we'll have an ongoing conversation about how we have learned and pass on the stories in the Bible that are most dear to us.



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Reimagined
for Adults



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GOSPEL of MARK Bible Study



Bible Study: Gospel of Mark Wednesdays, 11a, Magill and [Zoom](#)

Our Mark Bible study continues with a series of topical studies on Mark's gospel! Our full list of topics are available online. Join us!

Graduate

RECOGNITION

St. John's will recognize seniors at our church services on May 5th and in our May Newsletter. We want to recognize you-- but we need some help and information to make that happen. Please send the following information to lalla@stjohnslynchburg.org by April 24th for you or your child to participate and be recognized.

1. Name as you want printed in bulletin/Tidings newsletter
2. Plans for next year (college, job, still discerning, etc.)
3. A recent photo or headshot for print
4. An RSVP for Sunday, May 5th. Even if you are not able to attend, we can still recognize you at church in your absence and put your information in our newsletter!



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