



THE PARISH CHURCH
— AT HABERSHAM —

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 2023
10:30 am

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim thro' this barren land;
I am weak, but art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now crystal fountains,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will forever give to thee.

The Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

Gloria:

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 with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-9

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 (Please read the psalm responsibly by half verse)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

***He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.***

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:13-25

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect,

not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.
¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who 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 pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession of Sin

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 Absolution of Sin

The Comfortable Words

The Peace (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Offertory: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

*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.*

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn:

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want
In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul and leads me on for His name
For His great name

Refrain:

*Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name*

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door, I'll trust you Lord

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
You are on my side
Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
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The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, 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 the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

The King of Love My Shepherd

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never:
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

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;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

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