The Fourth Sunday of Easter 21 April 2024 | 10:00 am

A Welcome from the Dean

Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today.

Jesus said, "when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." Indeed, it is my hope that, through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God's table, you will feel the presence of Christ's love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ's love. In covenant with God and each other, our shared mission is to be Christ's loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese.

It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, all are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also welcome to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are, where you're from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week or use the QR code located in the pew.

If you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the library (follow the signs), and if you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the undercroft (follow the signs).

Again, I welcome you, and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ, Dean Owen Thompson+

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

Pastorale

Sydney Watson (1903-1991)

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

Hymn at the Entrance

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Hymnal 1982: No. 518

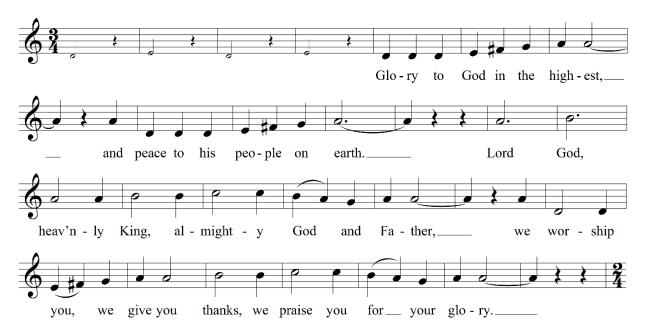
The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

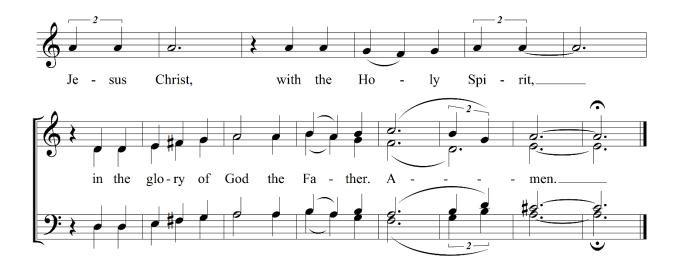
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

The Gloria in excelsis







The Collect of the Day

God 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 People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

Psalm 23

Chant: Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

The Second Lesson

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand as the Gospel procession begins.

Hymn at the Sequence

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Hymnal 1982: No. 708

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, 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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying

Tender Shepherd, teach us to hear and follow your voice. Lead your church into the way of love.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

after each petition
Tender Shepherd,

lead your church into the way of love.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect. The People respond Amen.

Blessing of a Tree

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, Creator of all things, maker of heaven and earth:

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude, for the gift of trees that grace our earth.

Thank you for the towering oak, symbol of strength and endurance, a reminder of your steadfast love.

Thank you for the graceful willow, whose branches sway with the breeze, a reflection of your gentle touch.

Thank you for the vibrant maple, whose fiery leaves paint the autumn sky, a testament to your creativity.

Thank you for the noble pine, standing tall in the face of winter's chill, a sign of hope and resilience.

Blessed are you, O God, for the trees that carpet the earth, for the shade they provide on scorching days, for the oxygen they gift us with each breath. May we never take these wonders for granted, but always marvel at your creation, and steward it with care and reverence.

In your name, we offer our thanks.

Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the tree and sprinkles it with holy water.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory

Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

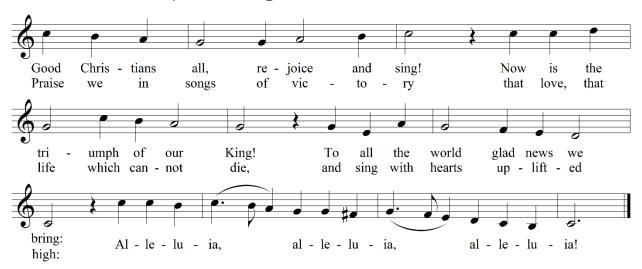
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 100

Music: William Walton (1902-1983)

Hymn at the Presentation

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing



The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

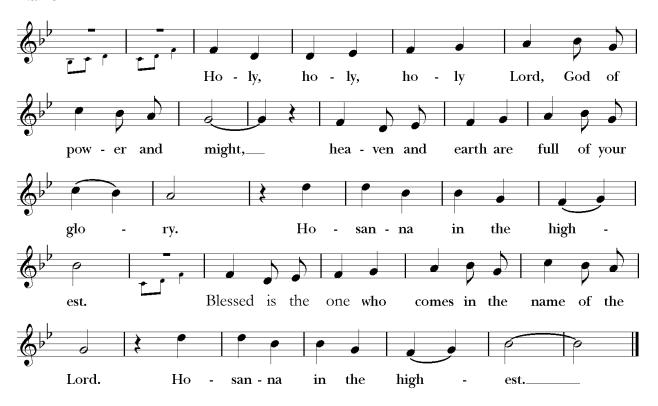
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

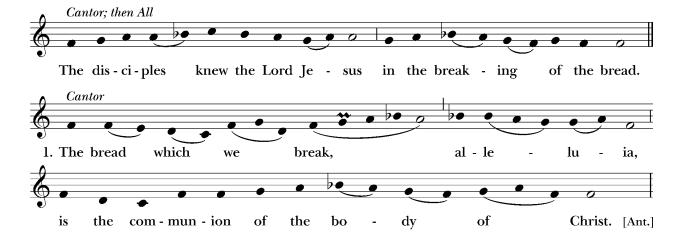
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

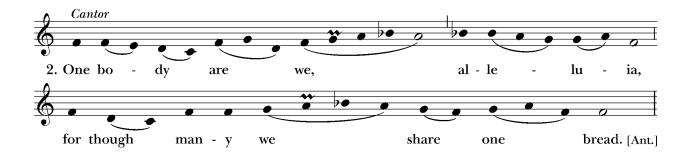
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.





The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music at the Communion

Very Bread, Good Shepherd, Tend Us

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of Thy love befriend us, Thou refresh us, Thou defend us, Thine eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see.

Thou who all things canst and knowest, Who on earth such good bestoweth, Grant us with Thy saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast Thou showest, Fellow heirs and guests to be.

> Text: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) Music: Stanley Marchant (1883-1949)

God is love, and where true love is

The Hymnal 1982: No. 577

The People stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. 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.**

Hymn at the Closing

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

The Hymnal 1982: No. 334

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond Thanks be to God. Alelluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata Giocosa, Op. 36, No. 2

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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Immediately after the organ voluntary, clergy are available for healing prayer and anointing with oil at the communion rails.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Undercroft.

Ministers

The Reverend Canon Bill Scrivener, *Celebrant*The Reverend Canon Ted Albert, *Preacher*The Reverend Canon Paul Williams, *Deacon*

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