

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MN



Mosaic of the Good Shepherd, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italy

EASTER 4
Year B
April 25, 2021
10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m.

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.
(Easter 5, Year B.)

Audio podcasts of sermons and recorded Sunday services are available online at our website. Please click on Liturgy & Worship, and then Sermons.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

When morning gilds the skies

A bell sounds. All stand.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Said by all: **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

Said by all:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

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 book of 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 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 23rd Psalm

Howard Goodall

Sung by the Choir

(If indoors)

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.

A Reading from the First letter of 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.

The Gospel—John 10:11-18

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

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.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Randy W. Johnson

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 6, BCP p. 392

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Craig our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted at Easter and through the Day of Pentecost.

The people stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit.

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able as the gifts are brought forward.

Offertory Music

—arr. Alan Bullard

Brother James' Air

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

The people stand.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 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:

Celebrant and People

**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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

—from *Messiah*

I know that my Redeemer liveth

Post Communion Prayer

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 and Dismissal

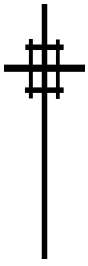
The Clergy says the blessing and dismissal.

The People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Cantate Domino

—Giuseppe Pitoni



Meet Christ
Be Christ

THE *CHRISTOGRAM*
News & Announcements for the Week of
April 25, 2021

Faith Formation

Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom: NEW TIME! We'll start at **9:15 AM**.

In Person Worship

In order to follow all of our necessary safety protocols, please go to the front page of our website ([www. Stchristophers-mn.org](http://www.Stchristophers-mn.org)) to sign up each week. If signing up online is difficult, you may call the office to be registered.

Lenten Food Shelf Tally

Thank you for your generosity for the Lenten Food Drive led by our Youth. 560 pounds of food and personal items were delivered to Keystone on Monday, April 12th. \$465 was also collected and forwarded to Keystone.

Ushers Needed

Are you looking for a new way to serve on Sunday mornings? YOU could be the face of St. Christopher's - welcoming folks as they enter our worship space, encouraging them to sign in and find their nametag, and helping them find the appropriate seat with our current safety protocols. This is what our ushers do! If any of this sounds intriguing, please contact Marion Hunner marion@stchristophers-mn.org. We would especially appreciate help at the 10:30 service, but more folks are always welcome to assist at 8:00 service as well.

Are you shopping online using the Amazon app?

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Christophers Episcopal Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St Christophers Episcopal Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:

Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:

Mary Barkley	Harold Danley	Jean Swesey
Jean Brandt	Michael Elsen	Evelynne Thompson
Dan Brown	Williametta Hall	Joe Westenfield
Dennis Buechler	Don Horton	Marliss Westenfield
Ruth Buechler	Dave Ingram	Barb Wilkinson
Betty Carr	Ken Ives	Roberta Williams
Pamela Case	Marcia Rockwood	

Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:

Kris & Robin Werner, Anne, Mary Henne, Bonnie, Rev. Peter Brown, Barbara Brown, Brian Hogan, Carol Haskin, Allison & Beth, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Jim VonDe Linde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Missy Peterson.

Pray for all who have died.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan).

In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer, please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Please pray also for St. Mark's faith communities in Annandale, Lake City, and Minneapolis.

Please pray for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for our President, Vice President, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace, and justice for all people.

Please pray for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

In Thanksgiving: we give thanks for our Building and Grounds Team, and for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

We remember those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

25 Christopher Huntley

26 Ryan Slechta

1 Emma Friend

Parish Events This Week

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM

Sunday, April 25 —Easter 4

8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Adult Forum—via Zoom
Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 26

Tuesday, April 27

ChristoGram Deadline

6:00 p.m.

Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band—Parking Lot

Wednesday, April 28

12:15 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist—Church
Staff Meeting—Office (Zoom)
Private Spiritual Direction—Library—to 4:30 pm
Roseville AA – Parish Hall

Thursday, April 29

8:30 a.m.

Private Spiritual Direction—Library—to 9:30 am

Friday, April 30

Office Closed

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2 —Easter 5

8:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Adult Forum via Zoom
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