# Sunday, April 21, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

### **Morning Prayer Rite II**





Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# **The Invitatory and Psalter**

All stand as able.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant and People

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

#### **Christ our Passover**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \* but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \* death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, \*
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, \*
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Then follows,

### Psalm 23

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.

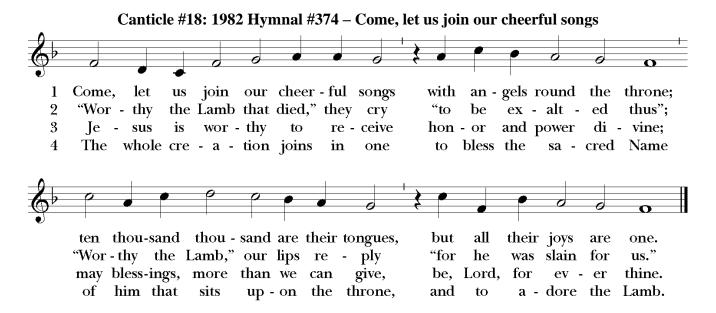
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### The Lessons

#### A Reading from 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.



### 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.



# A Reading from John 10:11-18

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

The Message Ms. Jackie Skinner

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# **The Prayers**

The people stand or kneel as able

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

# Officiant and People

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. And 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.

# Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

#### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

### A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# Intercessions and Thanksgivings are offered at this time

#### Then, the prayer for mission is added

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

### The General Thanksgiving

### Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen* 

# A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! *People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 21, 2024

#### EARTHDAY APRIL 22, 2024

Tomorrow is Earth Day! As a celebration of this day please join Rev. Pam in weeding the church gardens beginning at 9:00 am, weather permitting!

#### **BIG PROVINCIAL GATHERING**

The Episcopal Church is divided into nine Provinces. Our diocese is in Province V. The province is having a convention **April 25-27 in South Bend, Indiana**. There are many workshops and worship opportunities to attend at the convention. If you would like more information or are interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Pam.

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Our next turn to serve at the Food Pantry is **Friday, May 3 from 12-2.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

#### **WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING**

The Diocese is hosting an In-person Worship Leader Training program on **Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** right here at St. Andrew. Registration is required for the program. Please speak with Rev. Pam if you are interested in becoming a Worship Leader and she will get you registered!

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARILYN KEYES

There will be a Memorial Service for Marilyn on **Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 pm** at the Gaylord Golf Club. All are invited to join the family for prayers and fellowship.

#### **COFFEE HOUR**

Barb Austin is looking for someone to help coordinate coffee hour. It requires setting up the coffee and making sure there are goodies to share after the service. Please speak with her if you can help.

#### BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON



The Officiant concludes with the following,

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

### Our Thanks go out to those who participated in today's service

Officiant: Ms. Jackie Skinner Lector: Michelle Everman Organist: Mr. Josh Howell

Sacristans: Judy Doyen, Sandy Whitmire, Joan Goolsby

Internet: Doug Goolsby

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR APRIL 21, 2024

### Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need

Beverly Howell, Lotta Westlund, Susan Nye, Barb Austin, Barb Potter, Merrilyn Walraven, Kathy Blom, Gerry & Marirose Rehagen, Patti Moore, Boughner Family, Truax Family, Brad & Maureen Derenzy, Bill Skinner, Richard Williams, Katie Coppernoll, Carol Greene, Michael Coonan, Samantha Hines, Mary Stafford, Linda Lucas, David Doyen, Laura Morris, Myra Morris, Donald Polla & Family, Darin Polla & Family, Kevin Underwood, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen Thompson, Wendy McCallum, Jim Reinhardt, Dani K., Thelma, Debbie Casteele, Steve Ames, Mary Stafford, Derek P., Leslie & Merhdad, Stephen Skinner, Joan Lee, Patricia K., Samantha & Ken P., Sally & Keith Bird, Irving Family, Becky Spencer, Steve Koss, Catrina Norton

# Pray for the repose of the soul of Ramona Skinner

All who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.

Peace throughout the world.

The Victims of gun violence.

# Pray for our Church

The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop
Julia Ayala Harris - President of the House of Deputies
Standing Committee of our Diocese
Rt. Rev. Skip Adams, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz - Priest-in-charge
The Vestry and Lay leaders of the Parish
Our Parish Family

#### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Holy Family, Blue Water – Mary Shortt, Priest-in-charge St. Mark's, Coldwater – Rick Schark, Rector

#### Pray for our Country

President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist Our National and State Congresses Our Military men and women throughout the world

#### Welcome to St. Andrew!

We are glad you are with us today. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us with your presence. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

#### St. Andrew's Mission Statement

St. Andrews provides a loving Christian environment, welcoming all people.

We embrace one another in our daily quest to accept God's love, and with joyful hearts to do God's work in the world, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

# St. Andrew Leadership

Ministers – The Congregation
Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz
Administrative Assistants – Susan Nye & Joan Goolsby
Sr. Warden - Josh Howell
Jr. Warden - Doug Goolsby
Clerk – Joan Goolsby
Treasurer/Vestry Member – Jackie Skinner
Vestry Member – Barb Austin
Vestry Member - Beverly Howell
Vestry Member – Sandy Whitmire

#### If you have need of a Priest or Pastoral Services:

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