The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday April 21, 2024



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"I am the good shepherd.

I know my own
and my own know me "

John 10:14

Welcome to Church of the Lamb

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us this morning! Please join us for coffee and bagels after the service. We would love to get to know you.

Children at Church

We provide childcare for ages 0–3: Ages 0–20 months in the garage atria (attached to the parsonage on site) and toddlers in the church office (parsonage walk out basement). You may visit these spaces with children or leave them in the care of our volunteers. Pick up children during The Peace (page 6 of this worship guide) so they may receive Eucharist with the congregation. All children join the full service on Family Worship Sundays, the last Sunday of each month.

How to Get Involved

Visit our welcome table for documents about the life of our church: how to get involved with a parish group, the way we disciple children, and various volunteer opportunities.

Liturgy

We use the liturgy (order of service) from the Anglican Church of North America's *Book of Common Prayer* (2019). Congregational responses are indicated in *bold italic*.

We worship with our voices by speaking and singing. We worship with our ears and minds by listening. You may also see people worship with their bodies as a sign of reverence and adoration of God. While some find it meaningful to worship in this way, there is no pressure to take part in these practices.

Bowing and turning the body (11): Some bow or turn as the cross is carried down the aisle at the beginning and end of the service and when the Gospel is read. We do not honor the cross itself, but recognize it as a symbol of our Lord who freely gave his life for us in love.

Crossing oneself (t): Some move the hand from forehead to chest and then to each shoulder at mentions of the Trinity or at other special moments in the service. This wordless prayer of reverence acknowledges that we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and belong to God. Before the reading of the Gospel, one may make small crosses with the thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart. In doing this we pray, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." This indicates a desire for the words and life of Jesus to infuse all that we think, say, feel, and do.

Kneeling: During confession, the deacon invites the congregation to kneel as a sign of our humility before God. Kneeling is also appropriate during the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine as a sign of humility and gratitude to God for his gift of himself to us.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near
Praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him Let the amen sound from his people again Gladly for aye we adore him

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

A collect is a traditional form of prayer meant to bring together, or "collect" God's people with a common focus on the Lord and his work.

Let us pray.

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 Law of God

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Great God

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Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown Your boundless love
Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to you alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail Helpless in the storm Surround us with your angels Hold us in your arms Our cold and ruthless enemy His pleasure is our harm Rise up O Lord and he will flee Before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by his Word

The Collect of the Day

There is a different collect for each week of the year. These prayers correspond with liturgical seasons (like Christmas and Lent) that help us enter into the life of Christ. During the rest of the year (Ordinary Time), we pray more generally for the well-being of the Church and ourselves.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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 Word of the Lord

We remain seated during the reading of the Old and New Testaments and the psalm to represent our willingness to live under and by the Scriptures God gave to us. During the Gospel reading, we turn to face the deacon, Gospels, and the cross as they move toward the center of the room, reminding us that Christ stands among us through his Incarnation.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

therefore I can lack nothing.

He shall feed me in green pastures

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall refresh my soul

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

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 comfort me.

You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

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 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.

1 John 2:28-3:10

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carrol & Christopher Walker. CCLI License 11352171. Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia

The sheep of my flock, says the Lord Hearing my voice, they will listen They will follow me for I know them, they are mine

Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia

John 10:11-16

Before the Scripture is read:

†††The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ↓ *Glory to you*, *Lord Christ*.↑

After the Scripture is read:

The Gospel of our Lord. ↓ *Praise to you*, *Lord Christ*.↑

Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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."

... Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

. . .

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

When we confess our sins to God, we are not groveling in guilt; we are acknowledging our sin and asking for the mercy and loving-kindness God desires to give to us.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

If you are able, please kneel and confess your sins silently before God. In a moment we will confess our sins together.

. . .

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 Assurance of Forgiveness

Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, pastors obey Christ's command to his ministers to pronounce Christ's forgiveness on his behalf (John 20:23).

†Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Please stand.

The Comfortable Words

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Greet those around you with some version of these words: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Please be seated.

The Offering

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Words by Samuel Medley. Music by John Hatton. Arranged by Matt Grimsely. ©Redeemer 2011.

I know that my Redeemer lives What comfort this sweet sentence gives He lives, he lives, who once was dead He lives, my ever-living Head

He lives to silence all my fears He lives to wipe away my tears He lives to calm my troubled heart He lives all blessings to impart

He lives to grant me daily breath He lives, and I shall conquer death He lives, and while I live, I'll sing He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King

He lives triumphant from the grave He lives eternally to save What joy this blessed assurance gives I know that my Redeemer lives

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise him, all creatures here below Praise him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Please stand.

Bless This Offering O Lord

Words and Music: Unknown. Bless this offering O Lord And let it multiply within your hands Feed the hungry with the Bread of Life And let us see your mercies A taste of things in store We offer up this sacrifice to you O Lord

The Sursum Corda & Sanctus

These parts of the service, when we praise God and prepare to receive Eucharist (Communion), are traditionally known by their Latin names: "sursum corda" (lift up your heart) and "sanctus" (holy).

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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:

Hosanna in the Highest

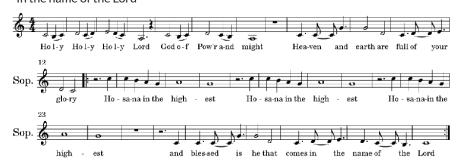
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Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest And blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord



The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. †Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 Fraction

Silence.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as you approach the altar. To receive wine or grape juice, you may choose to drink from the common cup or dip the bread into the cup. Grape juice is served on the right side (facing the altar).

Prayer ministers are under the portico at the side entrance if you would like someone to pray for you.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Lamb Has Overcome

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The Lamb has overcome
The Lamb has overcome
The battle's done and the victory is won
For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down No grave could hold him down Up from the ground "He is risen!" was the sound No grave could hold him down At God's right hand is he At God's right hand is he Our perfect plea as he lives to intercede At God's right hand is he

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Glory be unto his name

The table now is spread The table now is spread This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed The table now is spread

The day is drawing near The day is drawing near He shall appear and will wipe away each tear The day is drawing near

The Lamb has overcome The Lamb has overcome The battle's done and the victory is won For the Lamb has overcome

We Will Feast in the House of Zion Sandra McCracken & Josh Moore. ©2015 Drink Your Tea Music. CCLI License 11352171.

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored "He has done great things" we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning O how long O God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful One And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman & Matt Redman. ©2002 Thankyou Music. CCLI License 11352171. Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful Where your streams of abundance flow Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be your name

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be your name

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 to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

All our problems,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our difficulties,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All the devil's works,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our hopes,
We set on the risen Christ!

tThe God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by 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 Lamb Has Overcome

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome The battle's done and the victory is won For the Lamb has overcome

The Commissioning

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Turn the page to view this week's announcements.

Announcements

Welcoming Archbishop Foley Beach

Archbishop Beach will worship with us next Sunday! We will share a celebratory meal of deluxe tacos afterward together. Please bring a side to share.

Here's a little more information about Archbishop Beach:

The Most Reverend Doctor Foley Beach is the Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in North America (www.anglicanchurch.net), and he is Chair of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON; www.gafcon.org) representing over 50 million Anglicans worldwide. He also serves as the Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South (www.adots.org), headquartered in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. A graduate of Georgia State University, the University of the South, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Archbishop Beach has ministered with Young Life, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Church in North America. His A Word from the Lord radio ministry can be heard on radio stations in the U.S. and around the world on the Internet. His weekly, One-Minute Message, can be received by email (sign up at www.awordfromthelord.org). He and his wife, Allison, have two adult children.

Family Worship Next Sunday

Next Sunday, the last one of the month, is Family Worship Sunday. Everyone worships together for the entirety of the service. Volunteers will not be in the space for children in the church office or garage, but parents are welcome to visit the basement space with children during the service if needed.

Baptism Opportunity

The next Sunday for baptisms is May 19, when we celebrate Pentecost. If you desire to be baptized, or have a child you would like to be baptized, email Kevin@churchofthelamb.org.

Invited to Rest: Abundance (Mini Retreat)

Our spring mini-retreat on the property is Saturday morning, April 27, 9–12. We will spend the first hour together reflecting on the "more-than-enoughness" of God, followed by an hour of personal, quiet reflection time with God, and a final hour of shared response. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on if you like, a Bible, a journal or notebook, and perhaps a water bottle or coffee. We will begin at the barn promptly at 9. You don't have to RSVP, but Zoe would love to know if you plan to come (zoe@ churchofthelamb.org).

The Abide Campaign

We are excited to enter the next phase of building our home at 362 Indian Trail Road. The Vestry will share more about this in weeks to come. For now, note that as of April 8, Winter Edition will be closed other than to receive designated gifts to complete pledges. If you'd like to continue giving toward building efforts and work at the Abbey, gifts will go to the Abide Campaign fund.

Alpha

We are excited to offer the world-renowned Alpha Course at Church of the Lamb over eleven Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. beginning June 12. Alpha was created to outline the core principles of the Christian faith. It is an ideal way to invite your friends and family to engage in non-threatening conversations about Christianity.

We provide a meal, thought-provoking video, and discussion groups with trained listeners/ facilitators that promote deeper conversation about the questions we all ask. We are currently building table host, hospitality, and prayer teams. How will you be involved? Who are you praying for? Who will you invite? More details coming soon. Contact Zoe@churchofthelamb.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Invited to Rest: Abundance (Mini Retreat) | April 27 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Archbishop Foley Beach Visit | April 28

Hall of Men | May 5 | 5:30 p.m.

T3 (Women's Gathering) | May 11 | 9-11 a.m.

Budget Proposal & Vestry Nominees Announcement | May 19

Membership Meeting (Budget & Vestry Vote) | June 9

Event Details: churchofthelamb.org/calendar



Mission

To abide as disciples of Christ: invited to rest & compelled to love.

Values

Word & Sacrament

We draw on our Anglican tradition to integrate Scripture, Baptism, and Eucharist into our worship and lives.

Hospitality

We extend the joyful welcome of the Father shown to us in Jesus Christ.

Family

We believe that baptism binds us together as brothers and sisters who engage in one another's lives.

Beauty

We revel in the loveliness present in our world, believing it is a door into worship.

Partnership

We pursue the good of others and the proclamation of Christ through our local and global relationships.

Stewardship

We labor for renewal in our lives and in God's good creation, believing the Holy Spirit works in and through us.

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