SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m.



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The celebrant gives a few announcements, followed by a period of silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the people are invited to stand for the sounding of the pū.

THE PROCESSION

HYMN - #205 "Good Christians all rejoice and sing!"

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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.**

Celebrant Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene–whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

(Acts 4:5-12)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (chanted, alternating by half-verse)

The Lord is | my shepherd; * *I shall not* | *be in want.* He makes me lie down | in green pastures * *and leads me be-* | *side still waters.* He re- | vives 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.

SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Saint John's first letter to the churches

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help-how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

(I John 3:16-24)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands for the gospel procession.

HYMN - #178, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks" (verses 1&2)

GOSPEL

ReaderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint JohnPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, ""I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep

and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

(John 10:11-18)

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

*Repeat the chorus of Hymn 178

THE SERMON

The Rev. Frank Condello II

After the sermon is a period for silent reflection. At the appropriate time, the celebrant invites the people to stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us reaffirm our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed. Christians, what do we believe?

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, and his kingdom will have no end. 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, addicted, suffering from mental illness, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Please share with one another a sign of God's peace.

During this time, the shares signs of peace and returns to their seats as the offering plate is presented at the altar and the Eucharist is made ready.

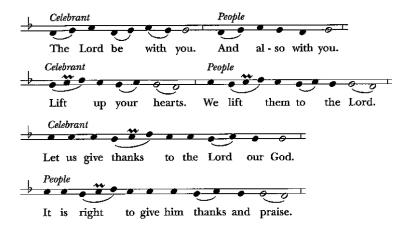
DOXOLOGY

Ho'o - na - ni I ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke Aku - a mau ho'o - mai - ka'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke - la ao. A - mene.

ENGLISH: 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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The people are invited to stand.



It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



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Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God. Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary our matron, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mary the Magdalene the first proclaimer of the resurrection, with the Holy Sovereigns Kamehameha IV and Emma, with Lili'uokalani and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

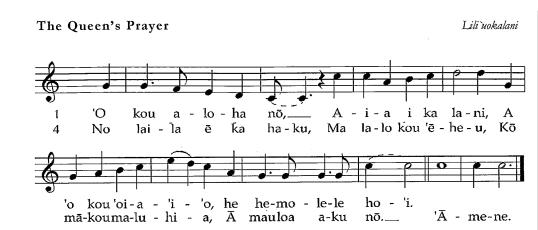


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

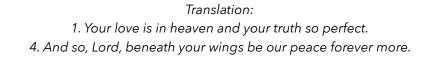
Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. *People* Happy are those who are called to His supper.

The congregation is invited to receive the Holy Communion. The bread will be placed in the hand. Wine is to be received by sipping the chalice, or by allowing the chalice-bearer to dip the bread and return it to the communicant's hand.

All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.



COMMUNION HYMN - #645 "The King of love my shepherd is"



After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people with the following words Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!** *Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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, who is ka Makua, ke Keiki, and ka 'Uhane Hemolele, be with you now and mau loa. *Amene.*

HYMN - #708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!





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