



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

Voluntary

Air

Gerre Hancock

## The Word of God

**Hymn 645** The King of love my shepherd is *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*St. Columba*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### The Collect for Purity

*Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 355

**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.**

**Song of Praise** God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Sine nomine*

arr. Michael Burkhardt and Brent te Velde

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though A - dam's  
joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we  
more do - min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to  
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall  
share the bread of truth.  
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all be made a - live.

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 225

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

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 Lesson** 1 John 3:16-24 *Please sit.*

**Reader** 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 23** *Said in unison, seated.*

King James Version

**1 The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**3 He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 664** My Shepherd will supply my need *Sung by all, standing.*

*Resignation*

**The Gospel** John 10:11-18 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Deacon** 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.”

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. John D. Rohrs

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray for the church and the world.  
*Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Leader*      In the work we do this day,  
*People*      **May the risen Christ teach us.**

*Leader*      In the challenges we face this day,  
*People*      **May the risen Christ guide us.**

*Leader*      Through the people we meet this day,  
*People*      **May the risen Christ renew us.**

*Leader*      As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world, especially those who suffer in the Holy Land,  
Eastern Europe, and all places of conflict,  
*People*      **May the risen Christ compel us.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,  
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We remember all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
*During the silence, members of the congregation may pray for others.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;  
People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant Grant us, O God, so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection. **Amen.**

*The Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days, is the longest liturgical season in order to celebrate God's saving acts through Christ's risen life. In recognition of God's reconciling love, we abstain from confession until the season after Pentecost.*

## The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift online (scan this QR code) or in the offering plates as they come by.*



<b>At the Offertory</b> Loving shepherd of thy sheep	<i>Sung by the choir.</i>	music: John Rutter; text: Jane Eliza Leeson
Loving Shepherd of thy sheep	Loving Shepherd, ever near	
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;	Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;	
Nothing can thy power withstand	Suffer not my steps to stray	
None can pluck me from thy hand	From the straight and narrow way	
I would bless thee every day	Where thou leadest I would go	
Gladly all thy will obey	Walking in thy steps below	
Like thy blessed ones above	Till before my Father's throne	
Happy in thy perfect love	I shall know as I am known	

**At the Presentation** *Sung by all, standing.* *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
*The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.*  
**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. O praise him; O praise him;**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B  
*The people remain standing.*

Prayer Book, page 367

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.**

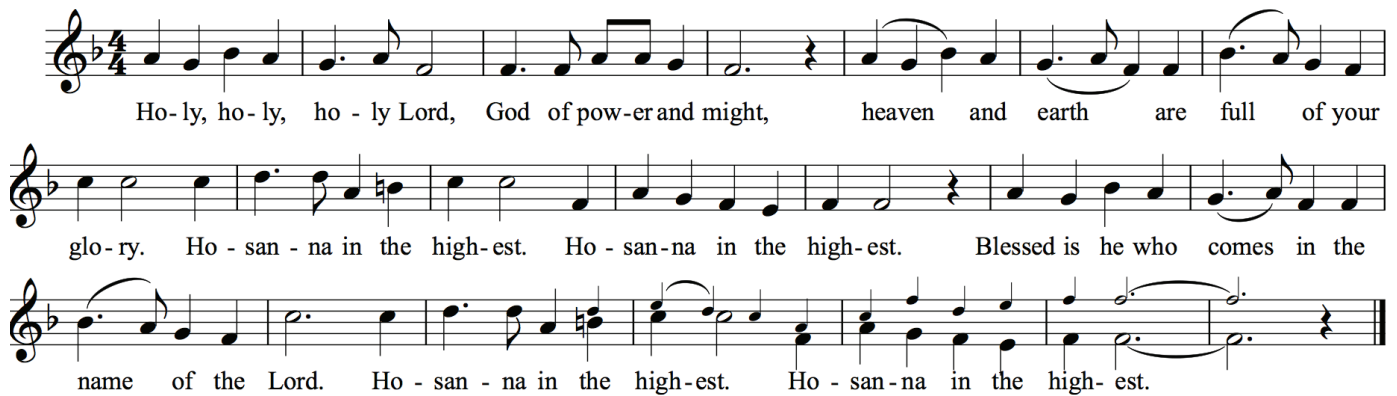
**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

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:

**Sanctus**

*Sung by all.*

Richard Proulx



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*You may stand or kneel.*

**Celebrant**

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 many 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;**

**Celebrant**

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 blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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,

*Celebrant and People*

Prayer Book, page 364

**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 Breaking of the Bread

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

David Hurd

*Cantor:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All:*

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### At the Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the chancel steps or in one of the side chapels (kneeling or standing). The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.*

### Music at Communion

**Hymn 304** I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Sung by all, seated.*

*Land of Rest*

### Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to visit a parishioner, the following is said.*

*Deacon* N., we send you out to share Communion with N.

*People* **Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Deacon* We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup. **Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.      *You may stand or kneel.*

**All**            **God of abundance,**  
**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**  
**you have united us with Christ and one another;**  
**and you have made us one with all your people**  
**in heaven and on earth.**  
**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**  
**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**  
**and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**    *The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.*

**Hymn 191**    Alleluia, alleluia!                      *Sung by all, standing.*

*Lux eoi*

**Dismissal**

Prayer Book, page 366

*Deacon*            Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary**      Sonata no. 2, op. 65 III. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy



## Flower Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Frackleton by their family.

## Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. William L. Sachs; DEACON: The Rev. William S. Stanley; SUBDEACON: Braxton Hill; READER/  
INTERCESSOR: Mary Ball; PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins;  
CHALICE BEARERS: Kathy Brock, Pat Githens, Allison Koschak, Kim Schmidt; ACOLYTES: Charles Ayers, Alice Kidd,  
Anna Rohrs; LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR: Anne Townsend; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choristers and members of St.  
Stephen's Choir, Brent te Velde, *director and organ*; VERGER: Penn Rogers



## The Parish Prayer List

Becky Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Sandra Barnthouse, Nancy Beale, Nancy Beeler, Kay Best, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, *Julia Bouck*, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Liz Brengel, Elaine Brown, Pat Brown, Turner Bruneau, Sturges Bryan, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, Percy Cochran, Stephanie Coleman, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Michelle Crim, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Chris Davis, Nancy Davis, Ken Dibble, Mary Fish, Guy Frank, Frank Ginty, Grace, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marion Hargrove, Marianne Harmuth, Reese Harrington, Katie Hellebush, Bob Hines, King Charles III, Tom Hodges, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie and Tom Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Gouthum Karadi, the Katz family, Jane Kelly, Donna Kessler, Dana King, Stoney Koschak, Margee Krebs, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Karen and Steve Matteo, Barbara Mathison, Michael McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Jenks McCorry, Melissa, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Anne P., Tricia Payne, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Richard Rennolds, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Brenda Quinn, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, Frances Scales, T. Logan Scott, Charlie Seilheimer, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Daniel & Charlene Spears, Reilly Starr, Joy Stevenson, Hew Stith, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Ron Swain, Jim Teachey, Will Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Ozzie Wade, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Betty Williams, Nelson Williams, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those expecting a child, especially Emily and Andrew Morris. For our missionaries,** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for *the Anglican Church of Australia*. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For ReWork Richmond. For an end to gun violence. For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Senior Airman Cooper Murphy, US Army Special Forces.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

*In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Mary Feldman at [mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org).*

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