

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Year B

April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.



**St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Norman, Oklahoma**

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Jim & Amy Gardner
in memory of Martin Gardner on his birthday.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is given by Jim & Amy Gardner
in honor of Katie & Christopher Rasberry's anniversary.*

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

The Priest, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today, It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a family type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.

Prelude

Hymn in Procession

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Again”

Hymnal 184



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings,
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Word of God

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant 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 you Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria *The following is sung, all standing*

Voices

f Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *mf* Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; *mp* you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
men. God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

First Reading *All sit.*

Acts 4:5-12

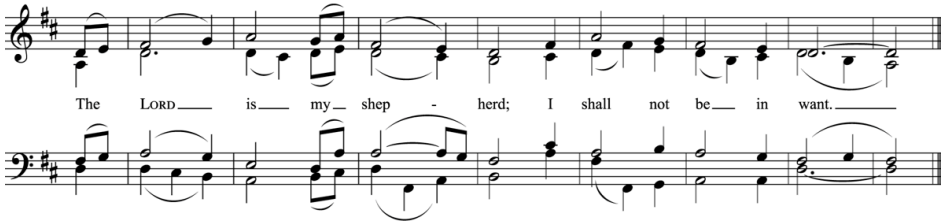
The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with 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.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*



- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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.

Refrain

The Epistle

1 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.**

Sequence Hymn

“At The Name Of Jesus”

Hymnal 435

All stand. Verses 1 - 3 before; Verse 4 after the Gospel



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath:



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

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

Rev. Joseph Farber

The Nicene Creed *All Stand*

**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.**

Prayers of the People *Form IV* *All remain standing*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal
your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for All Saints' Episcopal Church in Duncan and St. John's Episcopal Church in Durant.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin


Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

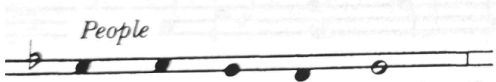
The Peace *All stand*

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People



And al - so with you.



The Holy Communion

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.*

*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.

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

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Presentation of the Offerings

Please stand as you are able and sing

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 God, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
 It is right to give him 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.

The Celebrant adds a proper preface

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 *The people kneel or stand.*

Voices

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

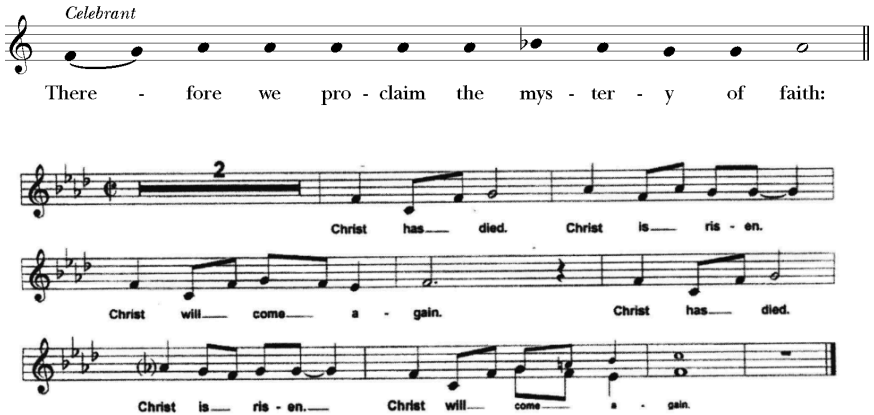
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.”

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.
Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

2

A men. A men.

A men. A men. A men.

A men.

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

Voices

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,

thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - passes,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,

and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Voices

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our Pass-ov-er 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! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. If you wish to have the host intincted, simply lift the host up to the chalice bearer in your open hands, let them take it from you, intinct it, and return it to you or place it on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem

"I Am The Good Shepherd" Thomas Matthews

*I am the Good Shepherd; I know My own sheep
and My sheep know Me, as the Father knows Me
and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for My sheep.*

*But there are other sheep of Mine, not belonging to this
fold, whom I must bring in; and they too will listen to My
voice.*

They will be one flock, one Shepherd.

Communion Hymn

“Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

Hymnal 334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry,
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession

"Jesus, Our Mighty Lord"

Hymnal 478



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
 2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
 3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
 in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
 true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
 You are your-self the Way: lead us then day by day
 all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
 in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
 the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Please keep these people in your prayers this week

This Prayer List printed in Sunday's bulletins will start anew at the beginning of each month. Please submit the names of those you wish to be added to the published prayer list. The list will continue throughout the month so additions may be made at any time. Contact David Sims to place a request on St Michael's unpublished confidential Prayer Chain.

For those with health concerns: Doug Meyers, Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Jon Roberts, Mike Scott, Antone Godding, Anne Burris, Woody Campbell, Sue Harrington.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Anne Million, Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Charles Woltz.

Birthdays: 4/25 Sylvia Crucet

For the departed: 4/23/2015 Keith Catto, 4/24/2010 Jean Baker, 4/26/1985 Dwight Morgan

For those who serve their country: Ben Winston, Samuel Price.

This week at St. Michael's

Sign up for Pride Festival and Parade

Pick up a copy of "Bread Baking Guidelines" and start baking.

Monday, April 22

Crafts 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Yoga Class 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 27

Laundry Love



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