



SERVANTS OF CHRIST  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday April 25, 2021

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# Order of Worship

We invite you to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer by referencing the page numbers listed. If you do not have a Prayer Book but would like one, you may order one [here](#). All parts of the service are projected in-house or subtitled in our live video, except for the sermon. A guideline for Anglican worship generally: we stand to praise God, we sit for instruction, and we kneel to pray.

## Processional Hymn

*The ministers for the service enter preceded by a cross and some choose to bow as the cross passes; they are not bowing to the ministers, nor are they worshipping the cross. It is a way some choose to honor Jesus's atoning death for us.*

## The Acclamation for Easter 123

*These opening lines vary according to the seasons of the church calendar.*

## The Collect for Purity 124

*This 11<sup>th</sup>-century prayer begins almost every Anglican worship service.*

## The Summary of the Law 124

*On specific penitential Sundays, we replace the "Summary of the Law" with the 10 Commandments (or Decalogue). In both instances, hearing God's law reminds us of God's expectations for our lives.*

## The Kyrie 124

*Literally "Lord, have mercy," this Greek prayer is the oldest prayer in our liturgy and comes from the age of the apostles. On entering the presence of God, we ask for mercy.*

## The Gloria in Excelsis 125

*This 2<sup>nd</sup>-century prayer, written in the poetic form of a Psalm, proclaims that we have entered into the presence of God as we have worshiped him.*

*Collects “collect” our thoughts and focus them on a theme found in the Lessons and Gospel as the service shifts our attention to listening to God’s Word.*

*These readings usually come from the lectionary, a schedule of readings that many churches around the world follow every Sunday. In using the lectionary, we worship with them and they with us. We use the ESV.*

**Acts 4:23–37**

23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers were gathered together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed’ —

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 And

when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

## Psalm 23

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1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

therefore I can lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in green pastures \*

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall refresh my soul \*

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

4 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.

5 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.

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.

### **1 John 3:1-10**

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who

are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

## Gradual Hymn

*The medieval practice of singing before the Gospel reading was restored in American Anglicanism in 1928.*

## The Gospel

*Since at least the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.*

## John 10:11-16

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

## Gradual Hymn

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

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*This 4<sup>th</sup>-century statement summarizes our Christian faith. If you do not share our faith, please stand with us silently as a gesture of respect to us, just as we respect your silence.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Prayer reminders are listed after the order of service, below the Mission Spotlight. Congregants may add specific prayers during the pauses. Please speak loudly so that we can hear and agree with you.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Neil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We also pray for those who persecute your people; forgive them and turn their hearts toward you through the faithful witness of those they persecute.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sin 129

The Comfortable Words 130

The Peace 131

*Here the congregation takes time before Communion to make sure that there are no broken relationships within the community, and to seek forgiveness if there are. COVID has changed this part of the service to a passing wave for those worshiping in-person, which means the opportunity for reconciliation is missed. We heartily encourage you to seek out those with whom you may need to mend relationships before the service so that when taking Communion, you may do so with a clear conscience. Those worshiping at home should still take the opportunity to offer forgiveness to one another.*

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The Offertory 131

*If you would like to give, you may do so online at [servantsanglican.org/give](https://servantsanglican.org/give).*

Offertory Song

The Sursum Corda 132

*Literally “Lift up your hearts.” This command is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and opens the Communion service in every ancient liturgy known today.*

The Sanctus 132

*Syrian Christians in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century adopted this prayer from the Jewish synagogues. It combines imagery from the prophet Isaiah and from the Psalms.*

The Prayer of Consecration 132

The Lord’s Prayer 134

The Fraction 135

*This action symbolically pictures Christ’s body broken on the cross for us.*

The Agnus Dei 136

*Literally “Lamb of God,” this ancient prayer, written by Syrian Christians, was adopted by western Christianity in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.*

## Communion

*All baptized Christians may receive Communion when worshiping with us. For online viewers, the Prayer for Spiritual Communion (BCP 677) will scroll across the screen and we invite you to pray. If you're at Servants, ushers will direct you by row up to the altar rail (of course, just remain seated if you do not desire to come forward). For COVID safety: please stay with your family/friend group and take your place in front of a cushion at the rail. Please do not kneel. If you are not baptized and would like to receive a blessing, come forward, crossing your arms over your chest. The priest will quietly pray God's blessing upon you. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please inform the celebrant at the altar.*

## Communion Song

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*This prayer from 1549 summarizes all the themes of the Communion service: thanksgiving, mystery, unity with Christ, spiritual nurture, mission, and the coming Kingdom of God.*

## Hymn for Processing into the World

### **“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”**

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All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Crown Him ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call:  
Praise Him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Praise Him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!  
The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

The Blessing

The Dismissal

*To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal form from the Kenyan Prayer Book.*

## **Mission Spotlight**

Brent and Kim McHugh are a part of Christar International and are a mission family that Servants supports regularly. They are currently in southern Spain, working with future leaders for Christar and other mission organizations. Brent serves as Dean for English-speaking Anglican churches in his diocese in Spain and will serve another six years as director of Christar following a three month sabbatical beginning this May. Be praying for rest and recuperation for both Brent and Kim.

## **Prayer Reminders for the Week**

**Those who labor for our common good:** managers and mentors

**The least reached people group:** the Teli of South Asia

## **The persecuted church in: Vietnam**

**First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants:** Tom Benton, Jeannie Bey, Sarah Chandler, Scottie Daquila, Danielle Elswick, Ethan Gibson, Rick Guerry, Annette Hall, John Harris, Lisa Kincaid, Libby King, Peter King, Chris Lewis, Barbara Matthews, Tiebout McCrea, Steve McCready, Tom McGee, Taylor Moore, Kate Norton, Josh Pothen, and Andrew Thompson

**Clergy of our parish:** Foley, our Archbishop; Neil, our Bishop; Alex, our Rector; Bob and James, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

**Churches in our diocese:** Christ Church Anglican, Savannah, GA; The Table Fellowship, Jacksonville, FL; Church of the Apostles, Montrose, AL; Christ the King, St. Augustine, FL

**Specific needs in our parish:** Healing—Tim Austin, Don Hearn, Karen Langer, Sandra Mixson, and Stan Reigger; Servants at home—Barbara & Tim Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Walter & Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Jerri Fisher, Larry & Leslie Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Karen Haskell, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim Moulthrop, Nan Szypulski-Lewis

## **Announcements**

**Community Groups:** Our Community Groups are multi-generational groups that meet monthly for fellowship and service. Visit [servantsanglican.org/community-groups](http://servantsanglican.org/community-groups) to contact the leader for the group nearest you.

**Servants Youth Group:** Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm, all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Servants under the colonnade (the covered area outside the sanctuary building) for a game, Bible study, discussion, and more! Contact Dcn. Michael Mayo with questions at [michael@servantsanglican.org](mailto:michael@servantsanglican.org) or (214) 335-0115.

**Wednesdays @Servants:** On Wednesdays we offer most of our spiritual formation opportunities. We have something for most ages!

- **Club 345:** 5:00–6:00pm. All 3rd–5th graders are invited to join Mrs. Kim under the colonnade (the covered area in front of the sanctuary building) for fun and a lesson, in a socially-distanced, safe environment. Contact Kim Harris at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org) with questions.
- **College Group:** 6:30–8:00pm, at Servants under the colonnade (the covered area outside the sanctuary building). The group is studying Acts together and you can contact Kim Harris at [kim@servantsanglican.org](mailto:kim@servantsanglican.org) with questions.
- **Romans:** 7:00pm on Zoom, Fr. Alex is wrapping up the Romans study this week. All youth and adults are invited. Join at [servantsanglican.org/zoom](https://servantsanglican.org/zoom)!

**Healing Miracles in Acts of the Apostles:** The Rev. Susan Rhodes, who guest preaches for us occasionally, is offering a study on the miracles in Acts beginning Thursday, May 5, 7:00–8:00pm, on Zoom. Please email Susan at [strhodes1020@gmail.com](mailto:strhodes1020@gmail.com) if you're interested. The study will use the book *Healing Miracles in Acts of the Apostles*, which can be purchased [here](#) (scroll until you see the title, then add to your cart). The cost of the book is \$15.95 but scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the book but would like to participate.

**National Day of Prayer:** Thursday, May 6, 6:00–7:00pm, the Alachua County Christian Pastor's Association is inviting everyone to an event at the Gainesville Raceway for the National Day of Prayer.

## Financial Update

*We know that money talk can be a real turn-off. We rarely talk about it, but we always include this as a way to be transparent to our parish. Amounts are current as of April 18.*

March Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$284,109

March Giving: \$21,289

2021 Giving YTD: \$282,518