



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 3, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. We hope that you will feel comforted and fulfilled, and that through worship and fellowship you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. We invite you to return here any Sunday once this shutdown is over. Please visit us on the web at www.stjohnsmlb.org.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

Gathering

Alleluia #1

Donald Fishel

Ref: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation.

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

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Hymn # 645

The King of love

All stand, as able

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.***

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

The Lessons

All sit

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had

need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Recited by all in unison

***The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.***

***He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.***

***He revives 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.*

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand

*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.*

what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Terry Highland, Priest Associate

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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 I

All kneel, as able

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. St. Agnes Church, Sebring and Church of St. Luke and St. Peter, St. Cloud.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), The Most Rev. Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Gregory, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation’s military members and their families, especially, ***David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson,***

Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Michael, Mikala, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Austin.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are in special need today: ***Barbara, Jan, Natalie, Geri, Pam, Don, Gloria, Peg, Jane, Jean, Bryan, Lilian, Brian, Edna, and Gloria.*** *Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All stand, as able

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

Offertory

Prelude in C Major, Op. 28, No. 1

Frederic Chopin

Doxology

All stand, as able

Hymn 380, v. 3

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.

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel, as able

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."

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. 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. *AMEN.*

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

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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 Holy Eucharist is Christ’s eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. While we cannot gather in person, we have made provision for you to receive the sacrament (bread only) by “drive-thru.” Just drive to the church and we will be set up outside the sanctuary doors. Please stay in your car and Communion will be handed to you. This will be available until 11:30 a.m.

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn # 243

When Stephen, full of power and grace

All stand, as able

When Stephen, full of power and grace
Went forth throughout the land,
He bore no shield before his face,
No weapon in his hand:
But only in his heart a flame
And on his lips a sword wherewith he smote
And overcame the foemen of the Lord

When Stephen, preached against the laws
And by those laws was tried,
He had no friend to plead his cause,
No spokesman at his side;
But only in his heart a flame
And on his eyes a light

Wherewith God’s daybreak to proclaim
And rend the veils of the night.

When Stephen, young and destined to die,
Fell crushed beneath the stones,
He had no curse nor vengeful cry
For those who broke his bones;
But only in his heart a flame
And on his lips a prayer that God,
In sweet forgiveness’ name
Should understand and spare.

Let me, O Lord, thy cause defend,
A knight without a sword,
No shield I ask, no faithful friend,
No vengeance, no reward:

But only in my heart a flame
And in my soul a dream,
So that the stones of earthly shame
A jeweled crown may seem.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953), alt. Music: Salvation, melody from Kentucky Harmony, 1816; harm. Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1971; alt. harm. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929)

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!



DRIVE-THRU SACRAMENT: Following the Live Stream, bread consecrated in the worship will be available by “drive-thru” in front of the Sanctuary from about 11:00-11:30. After joining in the Worship Live Stream, hop in your car and drive to the Church to receive the sacrament. Please remain in your car and the sacrament will be brought to you.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP: Sundays at 5 p.m., we offer a “drive-in” worship in our park on the south side of Young Street. We set up at the outdoor altar, you will drive in and park on the grass, the sound will be delivered into your car by FM radio signal. Communion (bread only) will be delivered to your car.

See separate “News and Notes” for May 3, 2020, for announcements and other information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun. (5/3) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m. Live stream only
Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on "Live Stream Worship"
Drive-thru Sacrament, 11:00 -11:30 a.m. in front of Sanctuary
Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. **Suspended.**
Converge, Mid & High School, **Suspended.**
Drive-in Worship, 5:00 p.m. in the Park, 610 Young Street.

- Mon (5/4) Office Closed
Bible Study, 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.**

- Tues (5/5) Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., led by Deacon Elizabeth. Online only.
Email yarrumea@gmail.com for details and log in.

- Wed (5/6) Choir, 7 p.m., church balcony. **Suspended.**
Bible Study, 7 p.m., led by Father Eric. Online only.
Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details and log in.

- Fri (5/8) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, Online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details and log in.

- Sun (5/10) See Sunday, 5/3, above.

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