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Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh & Bless"

David Lasky

Opening Hymn 423

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Acclamation (also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **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.**

Song of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Hea - ven - ly King, Al - might - y God and
 16 Fath - er, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
 24 *p* glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 32 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 40 on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
 48 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 57 *crescendo* you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, *ff* with the Ho - ly Spi -
 66 rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

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.**

The First Reading - 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 (said responsively 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 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.**

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.

The Second Reading - 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.**

Gospel Hymn 343 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh & Bless

Children's Chapel (10:30) *Children through second grade are invited to an adult-led worship specifically for children in the Creation Chapel. They will return in time to share the Peace and Holy Communion.*

Gospel John 10:11-18

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon, Dr. Brandon Dasinger

The Nicene Creed (*also on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

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 *(please stand as you are able during Easter season)*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Rob and Don, our Bishops; Tom and Elisa, our priests; and for all bishops, priests and deacons

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our Nation and its people

That we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

We pray for Joseph, our president and Brian, our governor and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others. *(please add your prayers)*

We thank you Lord for the blessings of this life. *(please add your thanksgivings)*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession, *kneeling, as you are able (also on page 360 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

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.

The Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music

JLM

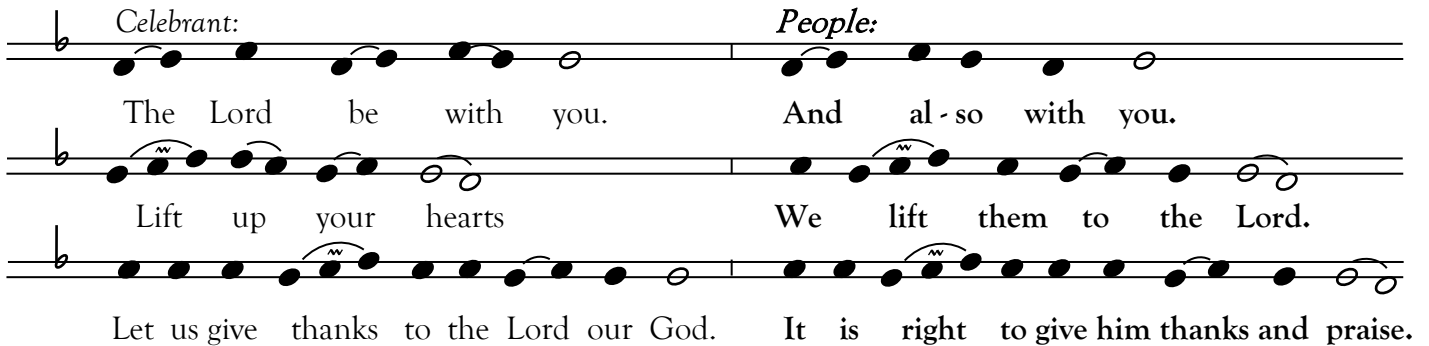
Bradley Phillips

Presentation Hymn

Doxology (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

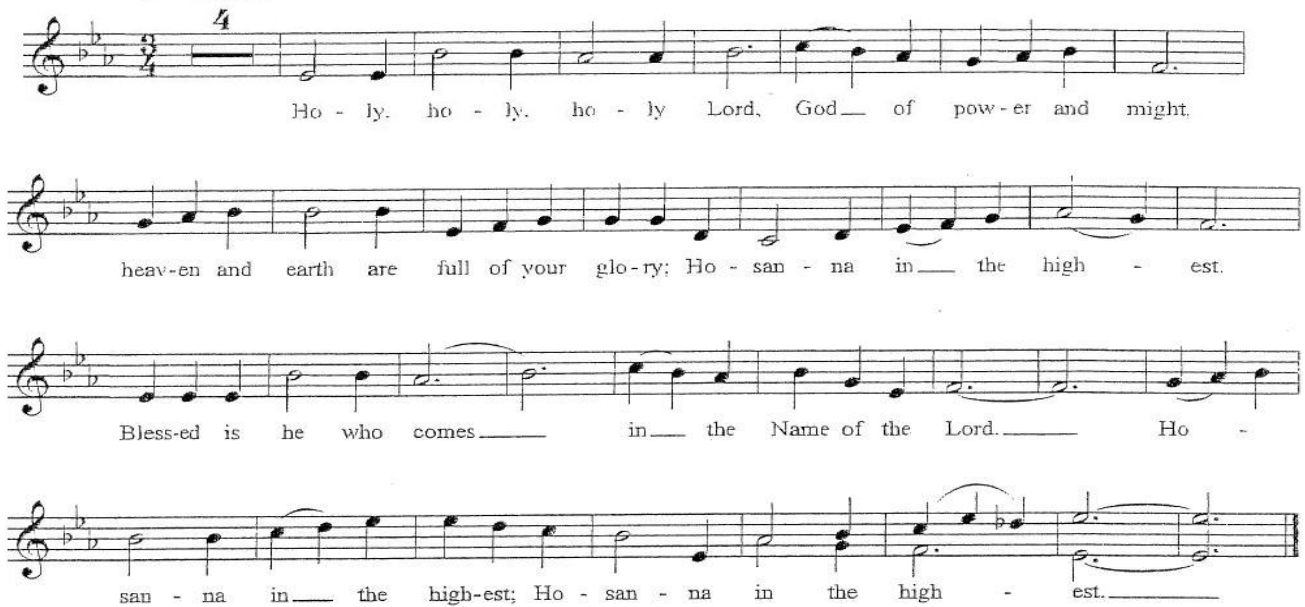
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer)



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al-so 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.

The Celebrant continues...



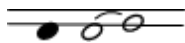
Ho - ly. ho - ly. ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing (as you are able). (also on page 368 in the Book of Common Prayer) The Celebrant continues...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues...



The people join in concluding: "A - MEN!"


The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem Hymn S-171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (b.1933)

Cantor The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (**Antiphon**)

Cantor One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (**Antiphon**)

The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn (*please join in singing these with the choir*)

Michael, Row the Boat Ashore – presented by Children's Choir

304 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing (*We send the sacrament to those who are infirm and cannot attend.*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Go with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in this place, bringing refreshment to those who are weary, and all for God's glory in the Communion of Saints. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (*also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366*)

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 518 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary Postlude on "Westminster Abbey"

Malcolm Archer

Events & Announcements for the Week of April 21th

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

RSVP Now! - Celebration for Mother Elisa Harres: Sunday, May 5 - Mother Elisa Harres, who has served this church faithfully for fifteen years, will retire this Spring. Sunday, May 5, will be her last Sunday with us. She will preach and preside at the Baptism of her grandchildren, and we will have a celebration reception in her honor following the 10:30 service.

Please RSVP by April 29th at: <https://bit.ly/spspmotherelisa>

Youth Braves Outing! - The SPSP youth are getting together for a Braves game!! Don't miss it!

When: April 28, 2024 (Directly After Church) **Cost:** \$25 per student **Leader Contact:** Brandon Dasinger (470-560-5127)

What To Bring: Money For Food | Register for Your Youth at <https://bit.ly/spspbraves24>

Cobb County Elections - is in immediate need of Poll workers for the upcoming Election at St. Peter & St. Paul on June 21.

Please use the following link to apply. For additional information, please contact Patricia Miller, Area Supervisor @ 404-313-1513. <https://www.cobbcounty.org/elections/employment/election-day-poll-worker-jobs>

Worship of God

Prayer in the Sanctuary - Join Camie and Mother Elisa every Tuesday at 2pm as we pray for the needs and concerns of our Parish. We will meet in the north side altar of the sanctuary. Please contact Camie if you have any questions.

Morning Prayer - Join us for Morning Prayer every Monday at 7am and stay for a Bible study on the passage of the day. You can join in person in the Garden Room or on Zoom. Contact: Chuck Matheson.

Evening Prayer - Thursday nights at 7:00 PM starting on April 18th.

Come join Acolytes! Adults, and teens fifth grade and above are welcome to share in this worship ministry. Contact Angela Ellis or the church office for more details.

Sermons on Spotify - Missed a Sunday? Wanted to hear a sermon again? We are excited to announce that our sermons are now on the Spotify platform, which not only gives you the audio, you can also watch the sermon as well! View or listen to the sermons here: <https://bit.ly/spspspotify>

Discipleship for All Ages

A Night for Young Families: Food, Friends, & Fellowship - Save the date for this wonderful event on May 10th, 2024 - A gathering for all young families to join together for fellowship and fun. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

RSVP @ <https://bit.ly/spspdinner2024>. Call or email (cschade@peterandpaul.org) Camie with any questions.

Serving Christ in the World

The mission of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to disciple men and boys unto a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through the lifelong disciplines of daily prayer, regular study and committed service. Our Chapter supports all the ministries of the parish. We meet every other Saturday at 7 AM for breakfast, Bible Study and fellowship. Contact Chuck Matheson for more information.



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