

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



**Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
8 & 10 a.m.**

Prelude: Brother James' Air

Paul Manz

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn: 435 At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity:

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

Gloria: S278 Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m.; sung by the Choir at 10 a.m.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

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.**

Please be seated. Children proceed to Sunday School.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

Read responsively by whole verse at 8 a.m., chanted by the choir at 10 a.m.

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.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

The Gospel

John 20:11-18

Gospeler: 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Homily

Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed (*spoken in unison*)

Prayer Book, page 35

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 Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life, both seen and unseen.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayer, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Maria, Devon, Vivian, Craig, Phil, Mark, Fred, Tom, Barbara B. , Bob, Ann-Mary, Sandy, Helen, Dawn Corrine, Stella, Brandon, Gloria & Hugo, Victoria and Jim, Reid, Esther, Hub, Jessica, Suzanne, Barbara, Debbie and Ed, Henry, Greg, Rosanne, Brian, Cora, Gloria, Michael, Sophia, and John.

Hear us, God;
For your compassion is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your 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 Absolution

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: The Strife is O'er

Henry G. Ley

Doxology: 380 (vs. 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

The Celebration of Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus is fully present in the Sacrament.

All are welcome at God's table.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

Prayer Book, page 367

Please stand as able.

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Celebrant: 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 S128: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung by the Choir at 10 a.m.

**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.**

The people stand or kneel.

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 God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 with Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*said together*)

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: S161 Lamb of God

David Hurd

Sung from the balcony at 10 am

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*The Ushers will guide the people to the altar for Communion.
Please let the Ushers know if you prefer to receive at your seat.*

Communion Anthem: Ubi Caritas

Victor C. Johnson

Post Communion Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

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.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you

perfect in every good work, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 518 Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude: Postlude on 'Westminster Abbey'

David Cherwien

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.



Thank you for joining us for our service today!

If this is your first time visiting St. Paul's, please fill out one of the cards in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pray, Then, in This Way Starting April 14 (today!), 11:15 a.m. in the Library

When asked how to pray, Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, and these words have been uttered for two thousand years across every culture. Here is an invitation to pause and consider why this is the path to prayer. Rev. Danny will lead a five week study beginning this Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Library.

**The
Great Annual
Chili Cook Off!**

200 Main Street, Chatham

**Saturday, April 27
6:30 pm**

Bring your chili!
Sign-up to

enter here

\$10 per person
\$25 per family
at the door

Or just come
to enjoy some

Cash bar for
beer and wine



Kid friendly!

**The Chathams + Madison
Town-Wide Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 4, 9am-2pm
Rain date May 5



Madison & the
Chathams are going **green**
by inviting residents to host
yard sales on the same day.

A benefit for the Great Swamp Watershed Association
With a \$10 tax-deductible donation, your sale will be listed on
an official map and circulated far and wide.

Church Rummage Sale - Start Collecting!

On May 4, the Chathams + Madison are sponsoring a town-wide yard sale to benefit the Great Swamp, and *St. Paul's will join in the fun by holding our rummage sale on the same date.* Consider donating any unneeded treasures you discover while spring cleaning this month. More details to come.

Rev. Ellen will be taking a sabbatical! Rev. Ellen's last Sunday with us will be June 9th and she will return September 10th.



The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes - Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry – Priest in Charge

The Staff

Laurie DeBiasse - Parish Administrator
John Pivarnik - Organist/Choirmaster
Danny Yang – Lay Assistant Minister

The Wardens

Phil White - Senior Warden Sarah Meiring - Junior Warden
Jed Evans - Treasurer Ann Lowe - Clerk of the Vestry

The Vestry

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| Barbara Cheifet | Jennifer Coury | Dawn Ferguson |
| Brad Huke | Tom Osucha | Brian Siegel |
| Andrew Walker | Shirly Wu | |

Ministries of the Laity at *this* service

Next Week (4/28/24)

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| Eucharistic Minister | Rev. Philip Wong | Eucharistic Minister | Jim Mollo |
| Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m. | Peter Basso Charlie Foster | Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m. | Jennifer Coury Liz Holler |
| Ushers | Brian Siegel Andrew Walker | Ushers | Phil White Walt Hanley |
| Greeter | Shirly Wu | Greeter | Patti Hanley |
| Altar Guild | Liz Holler Mary Foster Ann Cavuoti | Altar Guild | The Yang family |
| Flower Arranger | Dawn Ferguson | Flower Arranger | Patti Hanley |
| Tech Support | Steve Piazza | Tech Support | Tom Osucha |
| Sunday School | Shirly Wu Rev. Danny | Sunday School | N/A |
| Coffee Hour Host | TBD | Coffee Hour Host | TBD |