

The Collect

Our collective prayer for 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.

The First Lesson

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."

The Psalm

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.
- 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.
- 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.

Said together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

I 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.

Hymn

The Kind of love my shepherd is

H 645



Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

Psalm of Praise

Ivanov

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

from H 193, v. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

BCP 367

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

Memorial Acclamation

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them

Communion Hymns

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed H 323
I come with joy to meet my Lord H 304
Savior, like a shepherd lead us H 708

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing* H 205

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by John and Delia Kersey. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by
 The Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church in memory of
 their loved ones.

Birthdays This Week: Staci Thomas, Clay Sudduth, Dorene Dimes, Zachary Toohey

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte John Allen Ben Slater
Lectors David Kersey Kipp Cortez
Chalicists Jay Kephart Teresa Paine
Altar Guild Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth Betty Nash
 Kathy Burge

Attendance Last Sunday 47

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey Parsley—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—Gary Slater—Kennedy Quillen—Don Williams—Mabeline Robinson



Calendar of Events

Wednesday - April 25 Union Mission 4:30pm
 ECW Dinner 5:30pm
 Saturday – May 5 Church Work Day 9:00am
 Derby Party at home of
 Fr. Chad and Jennifer Slater 6:00pm
 Wednesday – May 9 ECM Dinner 6:00pm
 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
 Saturday –May 12 Church Work Day 9:00am
 Sunday – May 13 Mother's Day
 Sunday – May 20 Pentecost Sunday
 Sunday – May 27 Trinity Sunday with Baptisms

Announcements:

ECW Dinner Meeting: There will be an evening ECW dinner meeting in Rowley Hall on Wednesday, April 25th at 5:30pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Fellowship Home Dinner: A sign-up sheet will be placed in the front hall (Narthex) of the church for anyone interested in signing up to help prepare dinner for the men at the Fellowship Home. We will be taking the dinner in late April or early May. Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Make-up: After having to cancel 2 of our Lenten Programs on Christian Mindfulness, we are working to reschedule another evening with Dr. Assaad Mounzer so we can complete his presentation to us. A date for this event will be forthcoming.

Church Work Days: Help us clean and perform some minor repairs around the church on the first two Saturday's in May. Feel free to bring cleaning products, paint brushes, or other items to help in the effort. I list of projects is being compiled, so if you see something that needs attention, please let Dee Puckett or Fr. Chad know. Lunch will be provided.

Derby Party: Father Chad and Jennifer Slater invites you to their home on Saturday, May 5th. Bring a dish to share as we watch the Kentucky Derby beginning at 6:00pm. Ladies, don't forget to wear your Derby hats!

Coffee Hour: We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of these Parishes

the Rev. Chad Slater	Rector of Christ Church
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	CEC Senior Warden
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Christ is made the sure foundation* H 518

The Service Begins BCP 355
 Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP