

# **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

April 26, 2026 ✕ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 495**

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

*In Babilone*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280\*

Glory to God

Robert Powell

The 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.**

**The First Lesson**

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 23**

*Dominus regit me*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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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**.

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**Hymn # 343** (vv.1-3) Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*St. Agnes*

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

*People:* **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 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."

*Preacher:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Hymn # 343** (v. 4) Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless *St. Agnes*

The Sermon	The Rev. Webster Gibson
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## The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
<b>Hymn 645</b>	The King of love my shepherd is	<i>St. Columba</i>
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)		p. 367
S-125*	Holy, holy, holy Lord	Richard Proulx
The Lord's Prayer		p. 364
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The Invitation		p. 364

## The Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*To receive the wine:*

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## During Communion

### Hymn # 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Land of Rest*

## Post Communion Prayer

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## The Easter Blessing

*Celebrant:* May the God of peace, who brought again 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 to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People:* Amen

### Hymn # 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Voluntary

### **Prayer of Sending**

*Celebrant:* We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.

*People:* **May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.**

\* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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**Thank you to Joseph Goduto who is our guest pianist this morning.**

## SERVING TODAY

***Celebrant & Preacher*** - The Rev. Webster Gibson

***Lay Readers*** – Dan Gloster, Arthur Sperry

***Prayers of the People*** – Terry Young

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers*** – Sally Hovermale, Barbara Downs

***Ushers*** – Wilborn Roberson, Dan Gloster, Jazmine Pellot, Ron Bellows, Doug Thomas

***Acolytes*** – Elizabeth Loring, Jackson Stock

***Altar Guild*** – Tricia Glass, Mary Margaret Applin

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jimmy Downs

## Leadership of Christ Church

### ***Church Staff***

**The Rev. Webster S. Gibson, Rector (Ext. 1)**

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**Garth Stevens-Jennings, Family Ministries (Ext. 2)**

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**Marsha Baden, Director, Cherub Choir**

### ***Members of the Vestry***

***Senior Warden:*** Barbara Downs

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