

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *(please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

BCP 387

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please be seated)*

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS *(please stand)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(please be seated)* *The Lord is My Shepherd*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Alleluia, Alleluia, (verse 4)*

Hymnal 178

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(the people may stand or kneel)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hymnal S-128

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *For the bread which you have broken (verse 1)*

Hymnal 341

COMMUNION HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(the people may stand or kneel)*

BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

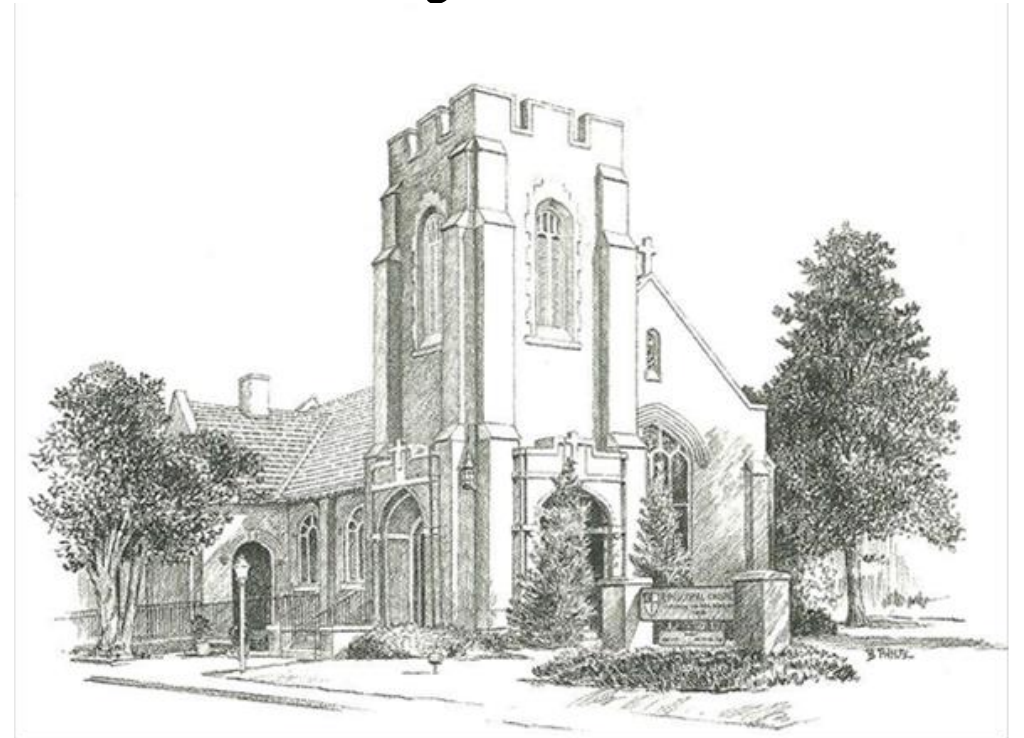
Hymnal 708

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 30, 2023

11:00 A.M.

PROCESSION HYMN (please stand) Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness Hymnal 492

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. BCP 355

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-280

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.**

FIRST LESSON (please be seated) Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

PSALM 23

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.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

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.**

GOSPEL HYMN (please stand) The strife is o'er, the battle done Hymnal 208

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Celebrant 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