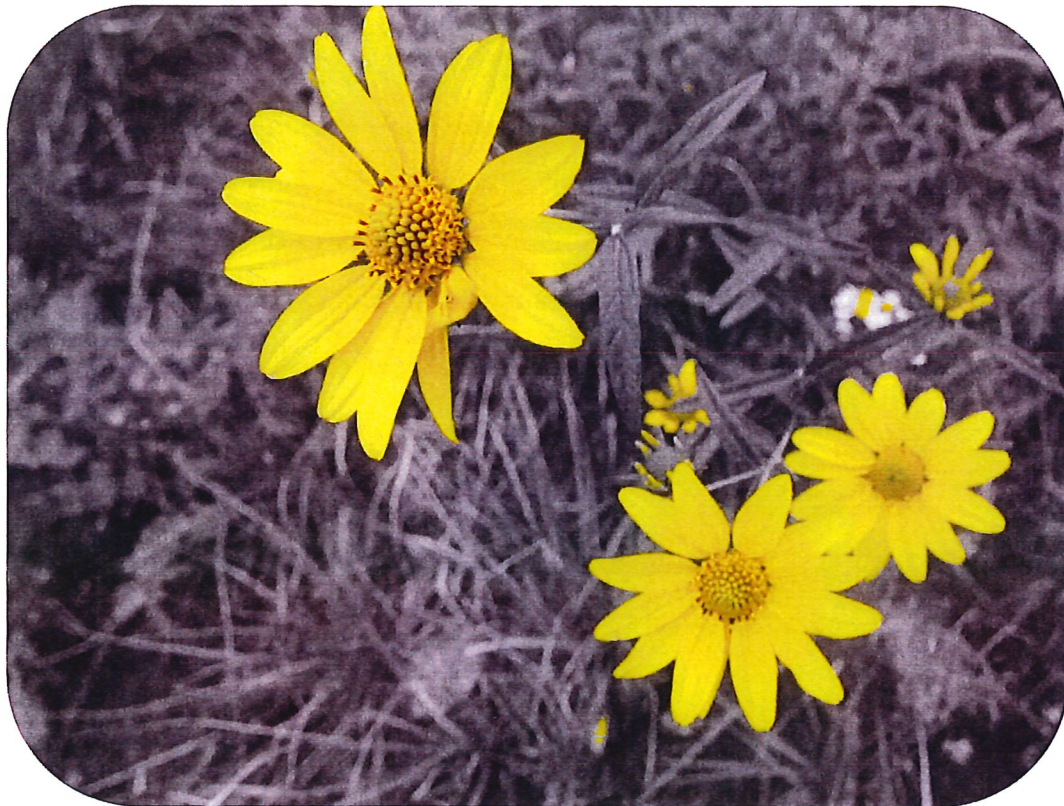


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MORNING PRAYER II
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 3, 2020



"And so through all the length of days thy goodness
faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever."

~ taken from Hymn #645

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Opening Acclamation

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ~ 1 Colossians 3:1

Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

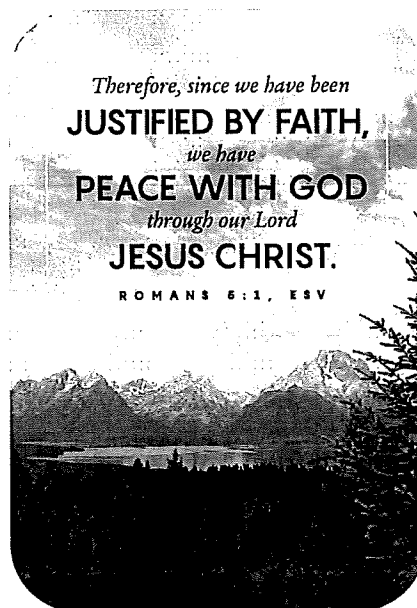
Officiant and People

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

Officiant

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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 Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Page 80)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People :

*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. Alleluia.*

Pause.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover

(BCP Page 83)

Officiant and People

Alleluia.

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.*

*The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

*So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

Officiant and People

*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.

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



THE LESSONS

A Reading from 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.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*



Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

(Hymn #495)



1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i - le - an King!
2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid:
3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide;
4. Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;



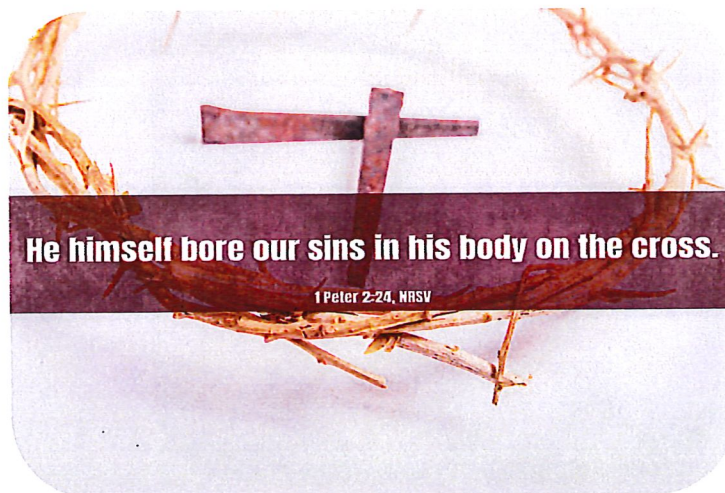
1. Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
2. by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone - ment made.
3. all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
4. high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for us to give!



1. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
2. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:
3. There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare;
4. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise;



1. By thy mer - it we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.
2. o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
3. ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
4. help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!



A Reading from 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

(Hymn #645 vs. 1,2,5,6)



1. The King of love my shep - herd is whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
6. And so through all the length of days thy good - ness



1. fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
2. soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures
5. grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port of de -
6. fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I sing thy



1. his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2. grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
5. light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
6. praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

A Reading from John 10:1-10

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."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

The Reverend Jim Friedel



Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

(BCP Page 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

*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.*

Suffrage B

(BCP Page 98)

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*
- V. Day by day we bless you;
R. *We praise your Name for ever.*
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. *For we put our trust in you.*
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope.
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Collect of the Day: Fourth Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 225)

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.*

A Collect for Social Service

(BCP Page 260)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission of the Church

(BCP Page 257)

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.

Offertory

(BCP Page 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

~Ephesians 5:2

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 101)

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen*

Hymn: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

(Hymn #708)



1. Sa - vior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy ten - der care;
2. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us learn thy will;



1. in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us; for our use thy folds pre - pare.
2. do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.



1. Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Blessing

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

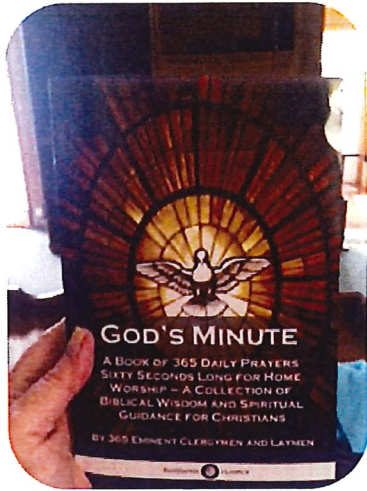
Officiant Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**WE ARE VERY
blessed**



A Happy Moment

Nichol Hamilton located, ordered, and received the prayer book Father Jim had been sharing with us during Morning Reflection.



George and Elise Olexa send a friendly "hello" from their backyard haven! Looks like a great place to hang out, doesn't it?

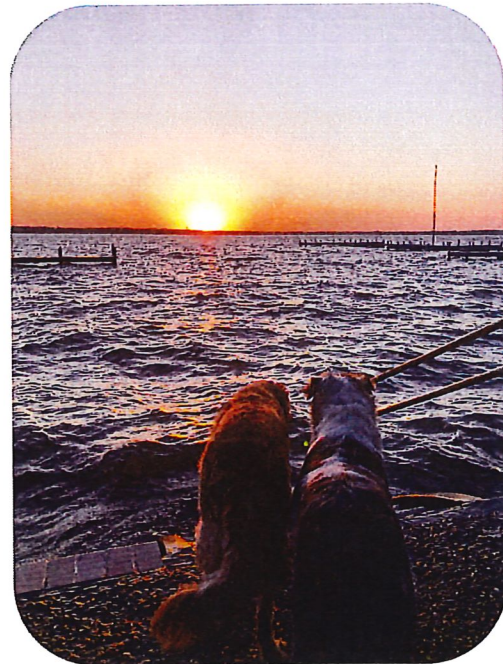
ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND
BEAUTIFUL FROM OUR
PARISH FAMILY
& FRIENDS



ALL are welcome at St. Peter's!



Diana Severino-Saxon and husband, Greg, have been busy making their kitchen look new again!



Liz and Karl Hielscher and their fur babies are enjoying God's beauty.