ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024, 9:30 am Rev. Bill Locke presiding

Prelude Pastorale Louis Vierne

from Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style

The Processional Christ is made the sure foundation Hymnal # 518

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis Gloria BCP p. 356

The Collect

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 Reading Acts 4:5-12 Marybeth Hanavan

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 BCP, p. 612

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Deirdre Greelish

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

God is Love

Hymnal #577

The Holy Gospel

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Bill Locke

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People Form VI BCP p. 392-3

Eric Hirsch

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Henry Smart

Erin and David Moniz, soloists

Presentation (Please stand as you are able.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		BCP, p. 361
Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)		
Memorial Acclamation A		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Breaking of the Bread	Agnus Dei	BCP p. 337

The Communion

All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

Communion	How lovely is thy dwelling place	Hymnal #517
Prayer of Thanksgivin	${f g}$	BCP p. 365
The Blessing		
Recessional	The King of Love my shepherd is	Hymnal #646

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude St. Columba Irish folk tune

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, and Theo; and for Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Eva McBorrough, Jennifer, Carla, Karen L. Elizabeth Pacek, Kerry DelaGaza, Nancy Pollard and Julie, our priest.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Becky Silliman and Janelle Evans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If visiting or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books and join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall.

Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of cold cereals in May. If you are unable to contribute to the monthly theme, we always accept pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-expired food of any type. Thank you for your generosity.

Outreach: Project Undercover is underway. We are collecting diapers, pull-ups, underwear and baby wipes for the John Hope Settlement House. This project is being coordinated by Chimmy Amaechina.

Alter Flowers are offered today by Patricia Sonpon in loving remembrance of her late brother Irvin B. Sonpon whose birthday is today. May his soul and all other faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24	Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers, 12:00pm
April 24	Choir Rehearsal.

May 1 Healing Service with Eucharist