



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY

Sunday Service
The 4th Sunday of Easter

In-Person & Zoom Worship
April 21, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

Loose Plate Offering

Food Shelves

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

(Please stand as the Crucifer and Officiant enter)

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Collect of Purity:

**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.**

The Collect for Easter 4

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."

At the conclusion of the reading the lector says

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches"
People respond: Thanks be to God

Psalm: 23 *to be said by alternating 1/2 verse*

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

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.

Epistle: 1 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.

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People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn "Savior, like a Shepard lead us" Hymn 708

save the last verse until after Gospel

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Presider:

The Holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

After the Gospel Reading:

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*Please be seated*)

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand*)

BCP 358-359

The Prayers of the People:

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to the nations... in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia,

we pray also for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeremiah our Bishop and Diane our priest, Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry...we pray for those who are hungry throughout the world, especially in Gaza, the Sudan, Syria, and the Ukraine. We pray for the poor and hungry in our own country. Nourish us all with your word and sacraments. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way strengthen our ties within our Diocese and our local

may...strengthen our ties within our Diocese and our local community. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, Strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for **Ed, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Alex, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge and Yvonne and Rob Close.** Are there others?

pause Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection, and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you...Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus Lord of life. In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. *Amen.*

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

The Peace

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week: Daphne Hallowell & Ron Bussian. We remember also our dear departed brother, Rick Rockefeller.

Watch over our sisters and brothers, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all

the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUCEMENTS (*Please be seated*)

OFFERTORY Hymn 518 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

**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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

S130

The Presider continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Presider:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

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Presider:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Congregation comes forward at this time to receive communion.

Communion

For those worshipping on Zoom, the following prayer is suggested to deepen your spiritual communion:

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, O 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 pray you to 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 Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us Pray

Creator of all, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ to one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Blessing

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.....

CLOSING HYMN 645 "The King of love my shepherd is"

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

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

*The ringing of the bell signals the end of the service.
Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall*

Ministers of the Service

Usher Greeters: Tomlin Coggeshall & Mike Smiles

Altar Guild: Bobbi Perez

Altar Flowers: Bobbi Perez

Lector: Lee Maxey

Intercessor: Jim Guinness

Crucifer: Linda Rockefeller

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Darcey Hale

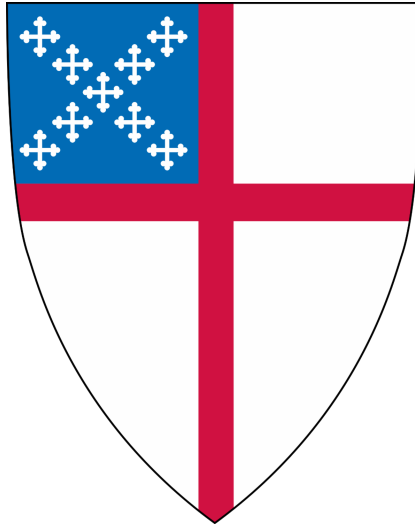
Acolytes: Darcey Hale & Carole Harsh

Zoom host: Diana Lawrence

Coffee Hour Hosts: Jonathan Gillespie & Steve Rucker

Cantor: Elisha Harrington

Organist & Music Director: Jennifer Moore



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