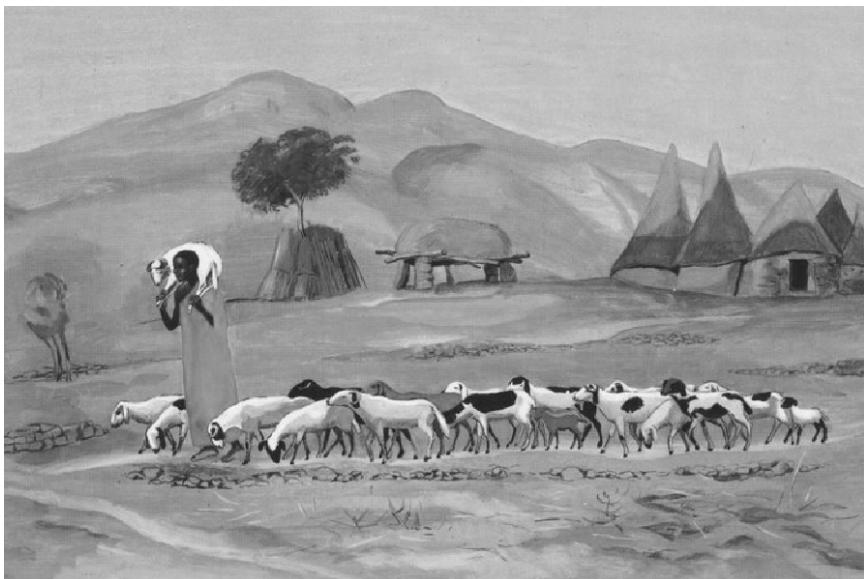


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B



APRIL 21, 2024, 11AM

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... 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." – John 10:11,16

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise) LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we respect and honor with gratitude the land itself, the legacy of the ancestors, and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe

Bell Ringing

Prelude	The Church's one foundation	Choir
Opening Hymn	Savior, like a shepherd lead us	H 708

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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	When morning gilds the skies	H 427
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4, verses 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *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,
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 be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was
in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**

Sequence Hymn

The Lord my God my shepherd is

H 663

A Reading from the First Letter of John, Chapter 3, verses 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel our Lord 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

With boldness, let us offer our prayer to the shepherd of our souls.

We pray for this parish, St Peter’s, as it seeks a new shepherd. We thank you for the privilege of coming together in thanks and praise, for the gift of words, music, bread, wine, and prayer shared in your Name. **Gather us together and make us one, one in ministry and mission to the world, so that there will be one flock, one shepherd.**

We pray, with sorrow, for all the people and for the earth so torn by war and violence, especially for the people of Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, and Gaza. We pray that Iran and Israel might seek reconciliation with one another rather than turning to retaliation against one another. **Refresh us, and all people around the world, and make your peace our deepest desire.**

We pray for this earth. Give us the deep peace of this earth, which brings forth and shelters the life of countless creatures in its tranquility. **May we tend and treasure its gifts, remembering that they are not ours to exploit, but ours to conserve, to tend and to share.**

O Lord, your compassion never fails and your mercies are new every morning: We give you thanks for giving our sister Linda Upshaw the hope of health renewed. Continue in her, we pray, the good work you have begun; that she, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in your goodness, may always think and do those things that please you.

We pray for all in our midst who are suffering or in sorrow. We ask for your healing mercies for Nathaniel Schnakenburg, for Dot Wright, for

Helmut Linne von Berg, who will have hernia repair surgery this week, for Tom Kramer, for Kristina Childs, and for all on our prayer list, and for those we name in our hearts alone. **Grant that all who care for them may have your compassion and wisdom in their labors.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Kathy Glasgow, friend of the Felicianos, and for Tom Segar, whose burial service was yesterday. We pray for all who mourn, knowing that death is not defeat, but victory; that the lives of those who have died have not set in a night of gloom, but amid the splendors of your everlasting day. **May we remember that in your good time, hearts that are sundered here shall be reunited in the eternal gladness of your presence.**

Heavenly hand of wisdom, guardian of realms above and realms below, grant us to live our lives as a banquet, as rivers of abundance and blessing. Give us the strength and compassion to share our gifts and to be the instruments of your Divine compassion and abundance in this world and in the world to come. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin **BCP 360**

Absolution **BCP 360**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings **BCP 830 #51/431**

Offertory **Jesu, Joy of man's desiring** **Brad Volland**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

Sanctus **S 125**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Communion Hymn **Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless** **H 343**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.

May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.

And may the Holy Spirit abide in you

....and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life. **Amen**

Closing Hymn

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

H 334

Dismissal

Postlude

Resources:

Today's Prayers of the People were inspired by the [Book of Common Prayer](#), Celtic prayers, burial prayers, and prayers for creation. The closing collect was taken from a thanksgiving prayer by Alden Solovy.

The Blessing is from Nathan Nettleton, LaughingBird.net

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Thanks to all who helped make the Portland Guitar Duo concert a success on Friday night. Thank you to those who participated in the "Team up to Clean Up" event for Caroline County on Saturday .

The Fourth Sunday after Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today's readings assure us of God's constant, shepherd-like care. Jesus is the model shepherd, both because of his willingness to lay down his life and because of his intimate knowledge of his flock.

Happy Birthday – Lamar Key (April 21), Zeke Fisher (April 23), Tammy Barrier (April 26).

Happy Anniversary - Catherine and Ben Hicks (April 23).

April 21, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Tuesday, April 23, Chancellor's Village Eucharist, 1PM.

Bible Study, Weds April 24, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for the Fifth Sunday in Easter.

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEaster5_RCL.html

Confirmation Class Thursday, April 25. 7:30-8:15PM on Zoom

<https://bit.ly/42YG3i8> Meeting ID: 893 1712 7905 Passcode: 505603

Easter Tide – "50 Days celebrating the season" from Forward Movement <https://50days.org/>. Sign up for daily email meditations

The Feast of St. Mark <https://news.churchsp.org/stmarkapril25/>

Is April 25th on the church calendar. Mark accompanied Paul on some of his journeys and was a key source for both Luke's and Matthew's Gospels. Mark's gospel is featured this year in Year B of the lectionary.

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The Vestry

**Larry Saylor (2025), Elizabeth Heimbach, (2025), Linda Upshaw (2026),
Andrea Pogue (2027), Johnny Davis (2027)**

**Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar
Senior Warden, Johnny Davis**

Junior Warden, Larry Saylor

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Prayer List

**Brad Volland, Tom Kramer, The Pannells, Terri Harrison, Stanley and
Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey,
Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Barbara Segar,
The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick,
Jim Heimbach**

**Karen Lawhorn, Michelle Hinton (Hicks friend), Harald Jenewein, Lola
Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert
Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend),
Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends),
Dot Wright, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family,
Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and
Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, (family of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Joyce
Smith (Laura Carey's sister-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean
Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Roberta Rutledge,
(Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene
Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Wayne Cohen
(Pogue family), Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris Wallace, Orville
Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, The Glasgow Family (Feliciano
family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and
son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck,
Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill
family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat, Joan
Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)
Passed into eternal life: Kathy Glasgow, friend of the Felicianos**

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V