

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 ✕ 10 am

## Welcome to St. Bede's Episcopal Church

St. Bede's is a sacred place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. It is a welcoming community, characteristic of the God we serve as followers of Christ—welcoming and affirming people of every race, age, sexuality, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, education, economic circumstances, family configuration, and ability. We believe Jesus the Christ to be the incarnation of God's love—the God who is reconciling and offering hospitality to the whole world.

### Holy Eucharist The Liturgy of the Word

**Voluntary** *Sheep may safely graze (from Cantata 208)*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)  
Kim Padgett, violin

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** You, Lord, we praise (*Gott sei gelobet*)

**Hymnal 319**

**Opening Acclamation**

*One* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Many* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

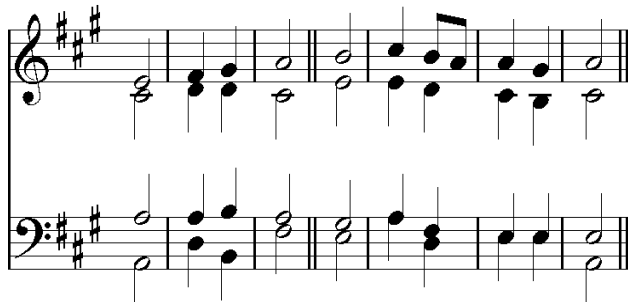
**Collect for Purity** (*All pray together*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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** *Pascha nostrum*

*Hymnal S17/18, alt.*

*Children ages 3–5th grade may move at this time to a special gathering for children's formation.*



*All*

- 1 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.\*  
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.
- 2 Christ our Passover is | sacri • ficed for | us; \*  
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,
- 3 Not with old leaven,  
neither with the leaven of | malice • and | wickedness, \*  
but with the unleavened | bread • of sin- | cerity • and | truth.
- 4 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.\*  
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.

*Choir*

- 5 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*  
death hath no more dominion over him.
- 6 For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*  
but in that he liveth, he liveth un-to God.
- 7 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

- 8 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.\*  
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.
- 9 Christ is | risen • from the | dead, \*  
and become the | first fruits • of | them that | slept.
- 10 For since by | man came | death, \*  
by man came also the resur- | rec-tion | of the | dead.
- 11 For as in | Adam • all | die, \*  
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
- 12 Alleluia, | al-le | luia.\*  
Alle- | lu-ia, | al-le- | luia.

**Collect of the Day**

*Book of Common Prayer (1979)*

*One* God be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Together, 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.

**Lesson** 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.

*One* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Many* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*One* Let us pray Psalm 23 responsively by whole verse.

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
he leads me beside the still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; \*  
he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; \*  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Sequence Hymn** The King of love my shepherd is (*Dominus regit me*)

**Hymnal 646**

**Gospel** John 10:11–18

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*Many* 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."

*One* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Many* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Very Rev'd S. Chadwick Vaughn

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed** *(said by all)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*from Intercessions for the Christian People*

*The deacon bids the prayers.*

Christ lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy Church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

*The intercessor continues.*

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ, that they may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died, proclaiming: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Let us welcome into this space our own prayers of celebration and hope ...

Let us welcome in prayers for healing and wholeness ...

Let us welcome in prayers for the Church and for the World ...

Let us welcome in prayers for those who have died and for those who mourn ...

*The one presiding adds a concluding collect*

## The Peace

*Please gently exchange the peace, perhaps with a wave or bow, as a courtesy to others.*

*One* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*Many* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Anthem at the Offertory

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall show that we are of the truth. We have confidence before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, the we should believe in His Son, Jesus, Christ, and love one another.

words: from 1 John 17–23

music: Larry King (1932–1990)

**Presentation Hymn** To God with gladness sing (*Camano*)

**Hymnal 399**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979

*One* The Lord be with you.

*Many* And also with you.

*One* Lift up your hearts.

*Many* We lift them to the Lord.

*One* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Many* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

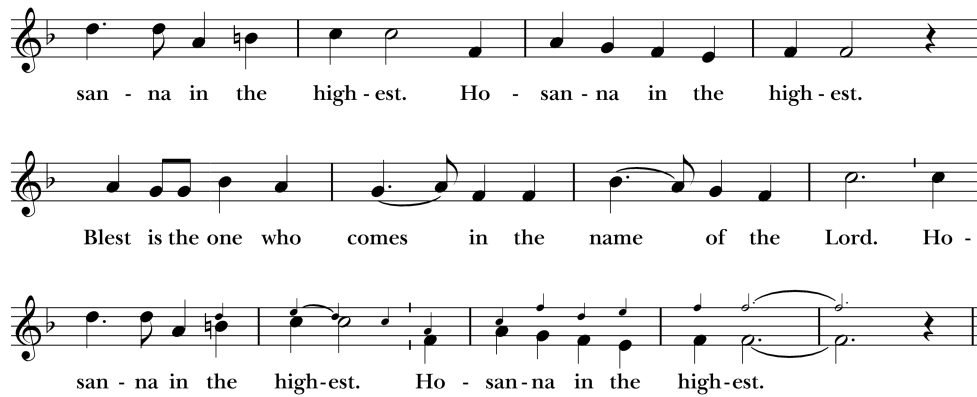
*The one presiding continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### Sanctus

*Hymnal S 125 (Proulx)*





san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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*The one presiding continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

*The one presiding continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with blessed Mary, blessed Bede, blessed Julian, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*One* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All pray together*

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.

*The one presiding breaks the bread.*

## Fraction Anthem

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Choir:

The bread which we break: alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. [Ant.]

One body are we: alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Ant.]

*The one presiding extends the following invitation to share in communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Hymn at Communion** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*St. Agnes*)

**Hymnal 343**

## Announcements

### Post-Communion Prayer

*All pray together*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and 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.

**Blessing**

*The one presiding pronounces God's blessing.*

**Closing Hymn** Savior, like a shepherd lead us (*Sicilian Mariners*)

**Hymnal 708**

**Dismissal**

*One* Our worship has concluded and now our service begins.

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

*Many* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Voluntary** Jubilate, Op. 67, No. 2

William Mathias (1934–1992)

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## St. Bede's Prayer List

**In our St. Bede's community,  
prayer has recently been requested for:**

Robin Brown-Haithco

**Prayer has been requested on a more long-term basis for:**

Al and Regina Studwell

Sarah Jane and Jim Ohl

Mary Rodriguez

Helen Abraham

Aree Bancroft

Laura Ribas

Hilda Bell

Nancy Waring

Frances Bowen

Ann Foote

Robin Schreiber

Cameron Maddox

Peg Harriss

Sue Ellen Lampros

**Prayer has also been requested for these in our wider community:**

Fay Key, *friend of the St. Bede's community*

Eleanor Pearlman, *granddaughter of Gwen Heaton*

Allen Townes Cunningham, *sister of Rob Townes*

Stuart Allen, *son-in-law of Jean Petersen*

Kathleen Petersen, *daughter-in-law of Jean Petersen*

Anne Jones, *sister of Claiborne Jones*

Julie Steel and Jimmy Crane, *niece and nephew of Connie Coralli*

William Gunter, *brother of Doris Bushart*

Floyd Gunter, *brother of Doris Bushart*

Natalie DeMars, *friend of Toni Graney*

Elizabeth Graham, *friend of Toni Graney*

Raymond Walker, Sr., *grandfather of Raymond Walker, III*

**We pray for those who have died:**

Douglas Willets, *brother-in-law of Sarah Jane Ohl*

Eizell Jones, *uncle of Jerry Simmons*

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:**

4/21 Brian Pettitt-Scheiber

4/23 Terry Cannon

4/25 Jeff Swoope





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as we engage the story of the living Christ.

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