

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

¶ The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer

¶ The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the Sancta Maria – Healey Willan

Organ Voluntary

Pastorale (Sonata I)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Hymn at the Procession - 379

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. & Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

¶ The Celebrant says

Imighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ¶ People Amen.

Gloria in excelsis ¶ Sung by all

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

- O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory *F of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ People Amen.

¶ Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Lesson Acts 4:5-12

n the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Ca'iaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means

this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

¶ All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm

Psalm 23

Anglican Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

The Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, *

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: *

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me

in the presence of them that trouble me; *

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life; *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and 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 confidence before God; and we receive

from him whatever we ask, because we keep 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 keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

¶ All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession

Hymn at the Sequence - 645

The Gospel John 10:11-18

Gospeler → The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

esus said, I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it 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 again; this charge I have received from my Father."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Peter James Speropulos

¶ Following the Sermon, all stand and say together

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, # and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

¶ The Deacon says these Prayers

Imighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of wars not of their own making. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; confound the hatred and madness of those who make war; guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world. Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace, before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account, and in whose name we pray.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless # thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ¶ People Amen.

Confession of Sin

¶ Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and truth faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ People Amen.

¶ The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1–2

¶ All stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who donate as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your donation in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish and our mission, in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;

Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee;

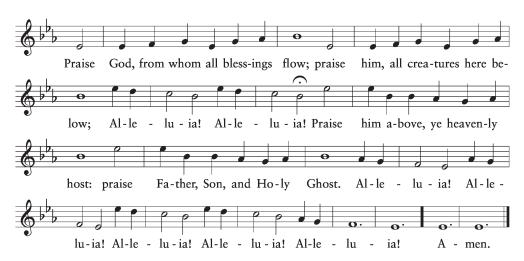
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb.

He is meek, and he is mild, He became a little child.

I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Words: William Blake (1757-1827) Music: John Tavener (1944-2013) ¶ Then, as the Ushers come forward, all stand and sing



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus ¶ Sung by all

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed # is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

¶ The People kneel

Il glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled **I with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ¶ All AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung

Agnus Dei ¶ Sung by all

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access ¶ Said by all

Te do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

- ¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.
- ¶ Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.

Anthem at Holy Communion

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways.

He leads me for his mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days.

O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

Hymn at Holy Communion - 343

The Postcommunion Prayer

¶ Said by all kneeling

Imighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Easter Blessing & The Celebrant blesses the People

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.

¶ People Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ¶ People Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ¶ People Amen.

The blessing, # mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ¶ People Amen.

¶ All stand

The Dismissal• The People are dismissed with these words

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession - 478

Organ Voluntary

Dialogue sur les grand jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the fellowship of St. Michael & St. George parishoners.

This Morning's Liturgy

† Alexandre Guilmant was born in Boulogne-sur-mer and died in Meudon, France. He had the good fortune to be the organist for several years at both St. Sulpice and Notre Dame in Paris before a thirty year tenure as organist of La Trinite in Paris. Guilmant has a particular relation to St. Louis. Guilmant was a renowned recitalist and teacher and taught a number of American organists – incuding Charles Galloway, the Organist of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in St. Louis.

Galloway was appointed the official organist of the 1904 World's Fair in St Louis. At the Fair's Festival Hall there were daily Organ Recitals. Galloway invited Guilmant to come to St. Louis, where Guilmant played 40 recitals from memory at the Fair!

- † **Louis-Nicolas Clerambault** was born and died in Paris. He was organist of the Maison Royale de St-Louis, St Cyr, as well as the organist of St. Sulpice. His four volumes of French choral cantatas are quite excellent, as are his works for the organ. Today's Postlude is from his Suite du Premier Ton.
- † **John Tavener** was born in Wembley and died in Child Okeford, England. Tavener studied at the Royal Academy of Music. Initially intending to be a pianist, he changed direction and devoted his energies to composition. He was acclaimed at age 24 as the most promising new composer in England. Tavener has composed literally hundreds of works, from small pieces like today's The Lamb to a huge 7 hour work for four choirs and several orchestras. Many people became acquainted with his work when his anthem Prayer for Athene was performed at the funeral of Princess Diana in Westminster Abbey.
- † **Virgil Thomson** was born in Kansas City, MO and died in New York City. Educated at Harvard University, he continued studies for fifteen years in Paris. There he became friends with Gertrude Stein and collaborated with her on his opera Four Saints in Three Acts. Thomson won many awards including a Pulitzer Prize. He was also the music critic for the New York Herald-Tribune. His compositions include three symphonies, operas, incidental orchestral music, music for films and a wide range of vocal and choral works.
- † Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at The Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season after Easter are White symbolizing the resurrection of Christ.

Week of April 21-27

Sunday, April 21

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8:00 am	Holy Eucharist - Church
8:30 am	Coffee Hour - Great Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Confirmation-J202
9:00 am	Little Sprouts Nursery Care
10:00 am	Children's Chapel - St. George's
	Chapel
10:00 am	Choral Eucharist - Main Church
5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist - Church
6:30 pm	Youth Group - Armstrong Room

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 ar	n (Church Service League
		Board Meeting
10:30 a	am (Church Service League Bible Study
11:30 a	am .	Holy Eucharist
12:00	pm	Church Service League

Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
7:30 am	Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
8:00 am	Women's Bible Study - Library

Saturday, April 27

10:00 pm	Legend Singers Rehearsal
4:00 pm	AA Meeting - Taylor Room

Centering Prayer Group - Please note new time: 9:00-9:45 AM every Sunday in St. George's Chapel. All welcome!

Going grocery shopping? Please pick up nonperishable foods to donate to those in need. Put in either Hunger Ministry closet outside of the Taylor Room.

Casseroles needed for Trinity Food Ministry to feed those in need each week. Pans, lids, recipes and directions are in the closet next to the Taylor Room.

Church Service League Tuesday, April 23 at 12:30. Join Church Service League for the Election of Officers and Special Gifts vote. Tissue paper flowers for the May 19 outreach ministry fundraiser will be made. Noon lunch reservations (\$12) due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314.974.3386).

Virtual Book Study: NEVER ENOUGH: Join Krista Jarvis, LPC, MBA, and Marty Chapman to discuss this book by Jennifer Wallace. Thursday evenings, 8:00 - 9:00 PM, on Zoom April 25 & May 2.

The **Thursday 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist** will no longer be offered.

Parishioner in the hospital? Let us know to put them on the prayer list, call the church at 314.721.1502 and or contact Debbie at *debbie@csmsg.org*.

Volunteering We have a variety of opportunities available for you to volunteer this spring. Contact Debbie at *debbie@csmsg.org* for more information.

This week's Spotlight in the Great Hall

The Episcopal City Mission. Please stop by the Great Hall to learn more about this important ministry.



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