

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25, 2021

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.  
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

**10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366*

*Gaelic Morning, Arr. Dan Forrest*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Presider:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Priest says:* 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. (Please be seated.)*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

*The full texts can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

**The First Lesson:** *Acts 4:5-12*  
**Psalm:** *Psalms 23 (Please stand)*  
**The Second Lesson:** *1 John 3:16-24*  
**The Gospel:** *John 10:11-18 (Please stand)*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Peter Munson

*A period of silence will be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed, p. 358 (Please stand)**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Pause*)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.**

We pray for our friends, John & Elaine McGovern, Jan & Bob Blaich, Patsy & Darby, Marsha, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Roger, Joann, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Galileo and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen, for their schools and staff, and for their learning and growing.

*Presider:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace *All stand.***

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

### **Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Offertory Music**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*The people remain standing*)**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** *[The great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation.]*

*Please stand.*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:*

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **Invitation and Distribution of Holy Communion**

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

### **Communion Music**

*My King, My Shepherd, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

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### **Post-communion Prayer, p. 365**

*Presider and People:* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **A Blessing by the Priest**

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

### **Postlude**

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above, by Dan Forrest*

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## LESSONS, PSALM & GOSPEL

### 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."

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

### The Second 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.

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

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*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Gospel: *John 10:11-18* (Please stand)

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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Psalm 23 (Please stand)

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green  
pastures \*and leads me beside still  
waters.**

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his Name's sake.

**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.**

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.

**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 to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**  
(Please be seated.)